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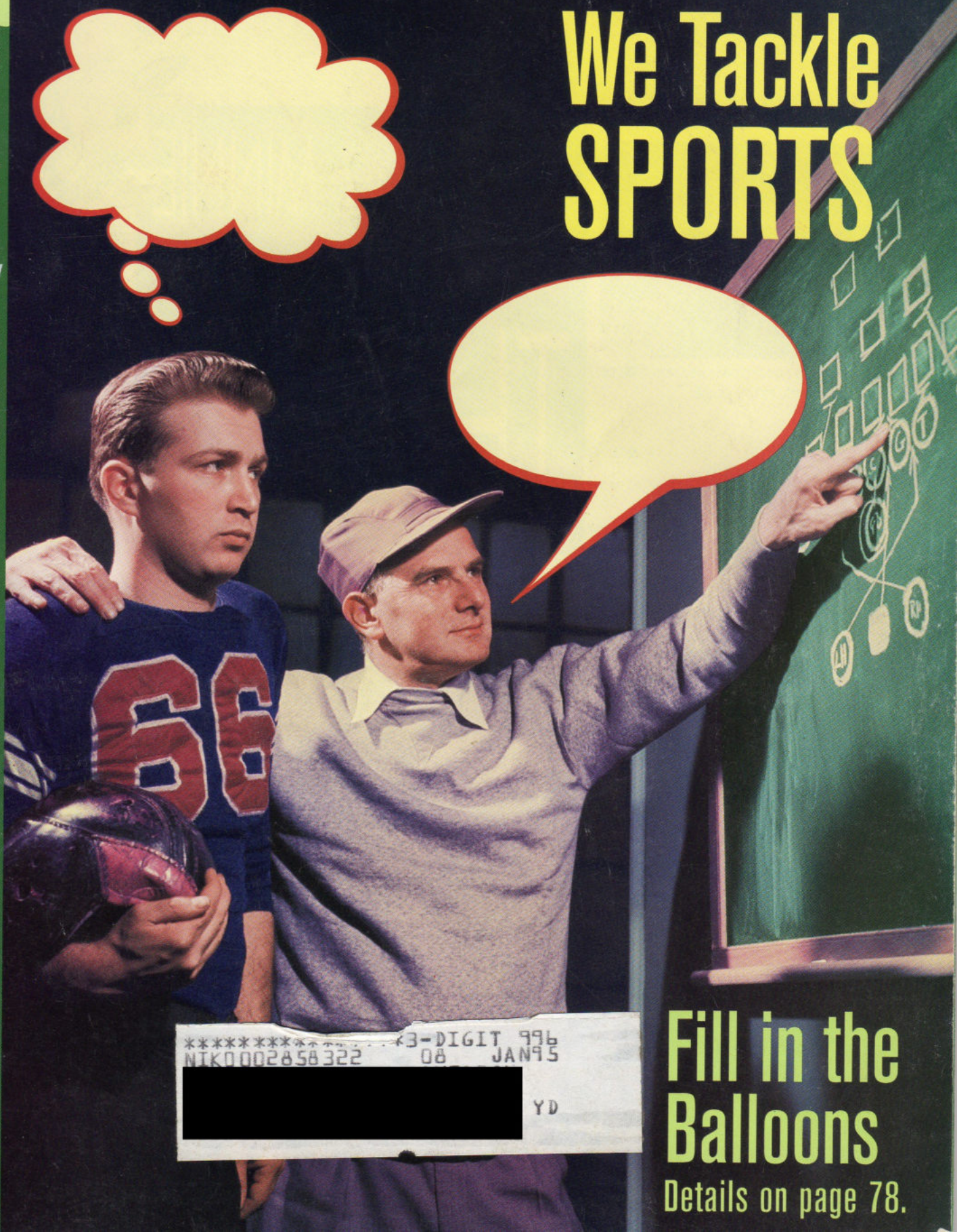


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# Ask the Boss Lady



Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, **Geraldine B. Laybourne**, anything you want.

## Do you like sports?

As a kid, I didn't. I never thought of myself as an athlete, and my family wasn't big on watching sports either. When my son played football in high school, I experienced the joys of being a sports fan. Now I am an avid Rangers, Giants, Knicks, and Mets fan. I also love skiing with my family, and I have a ton of fun trying to keep up with my daughter schussing down the slopes.

## What was your most embarrassing sports experience?

I went bowling on my first date (I was in eighth grade), and I threw 19 gutter balls in a row.

## What do you do in your office?

I talk on the telephone, read mail, write my Boss Lady column, watch TV, eat tuna sandwiches, meet with people and think up fun things for kids, doodle, meet stars (all Nick stars have been in my office, and so have people like Mary Tyler Moore and Muhammad Ali!), and play with my puppet theater from Weinerville.

## Have you ever been on a show on Nickelodeon?

I was a guest on *Total Panic* on Presidents' Day in 1990. They made me play hopscotch with high heels on. They gave me a bunch of roses and made me feel like I was queen for a day.

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## Annoying Gym Class Song

(Sung to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")

It's traditional to sing the National Anthem before baseball games. Start a *new* tradition by singing this song before gym class.

Take me out of this gym class,  
Take me out of this place.  
A note from my doctor I have right here.  
I signed it myself, so don't look-ver-y-near,  
And it's fake, fake, fake, for the school nurse,  
A tummy ache I do claim.  
She says "Kid, I'm send-ing-you-back  
to that dodge-ball game!"

## Pal or Pumpkin?

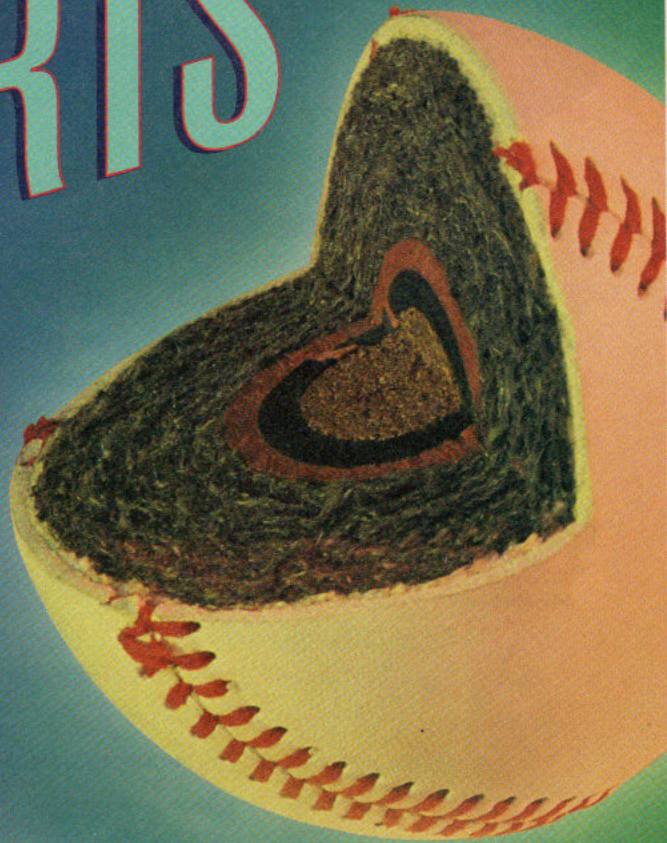
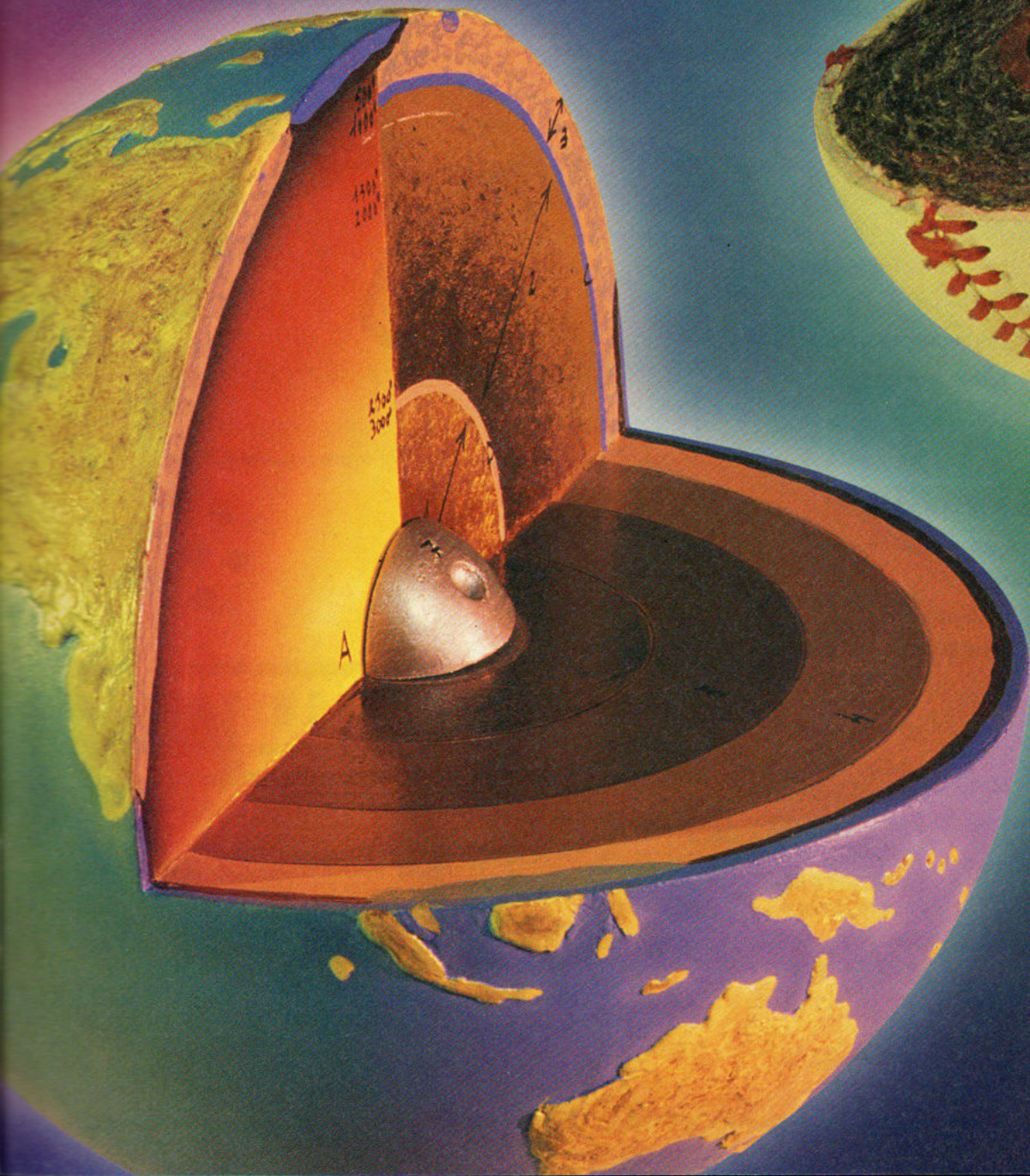


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How can you tell if your best friend is a pumpkin? We offer you this handy checklist to help you decide if your buddy is actually a seasonal squash. Three or more checks mean your friend will probably be all a-glow come Halloween night.  
.....

- ☐ Spends a lot of time sitting on the front porch.
- ☐ Likes to play squash.
- ☐ Sweats at the sight of piecrust.
- ☐ Hates the story of Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater.
- ☐ Loves the story of Cinderella.



# INSIDE THE WORLD OF SPORTS



c. either a or b.



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# On Your Sitzmark

Instead of straining your muscles, flex your brain. Here's your chance to show how much you know about the world of sports.

**Directions:** Circle the correct answer for each question.

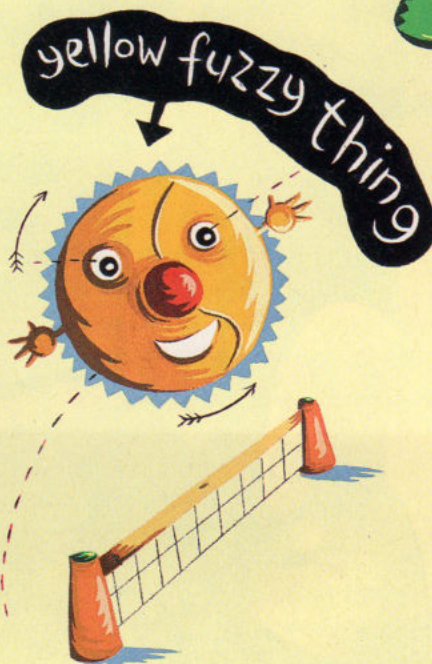
**1** Which of the following is a real move in skateboarding?

- a. frontside bluntside
- b. rightside big boo-boo skidder
- c. upside downside molar rearranger



**2** In tennis, the yellow fuzzy thing is:

- a. the ball.
- b. Andre Agassi's hair.
- c. either a or b.



**3** Icing is:

- a. a defensive shot in hockey.
- b. dumping a water cooler over the coach's head.
- c. what people say when they volunteer to sing the national anthem.



**4** An inning is:

- a. a basketball player's belly button.
- b. a portion of a baseball game.
- c. what happens when you fall just short of winning.

**5** Zambonis are:

- a. large machines that resurface ice skating rinks.
- b. the official pasta of the Italian soccer team.
- c. knee injuries common to football players.



# Get Set, Go!



Hey, it stinks up here.



**6** A triple lutz is:

- a. an extremely uncoordinated person.
- b. a difficult figure-skating jump.
- c. picking three losing racehorses in a row.



**8** At the 1900 Paris Olympics, which of the following was an official sport?

- a. SPUD
- b. tug-of-war
- c. monkey in the middle

**7** When someone mentions a "scrum," she is talking about:

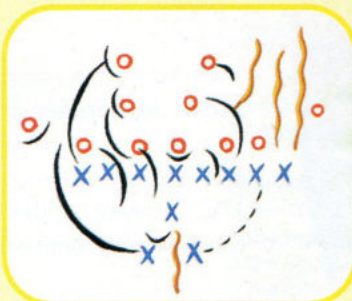
- a. dirt that gets in a softball player's shoes.
- b. a rugby play in which opponents crouch together and struggle to gain control of the ball.
- c. the act of pinning an opponent in thumb wrestling.

**9** Hurling is:

- a. a stomach illness common to uneven-bar gymnasts.
- b. the inventor of the bobsled (full name: Erhard V. Hurling).
- c. an Irish game similar to field hockey.

**10** This diagram represents:

- a. the winning move in the Grandmaster's Freestyle Tic-Tac-Toe Championship.
- b. a football play.
- c. how athlete's foot attacks your skin.



**11** At a baseball game, the person next to you says, "Do The Wave." You should:

- a. style his or her hair.
- b. make "bye-bye" gestures with your hand.
- c. stand up and sit down along with the crowd.

**12** Sitzmarks are:

- a. impressions left in the snow when a skier falls backward.
- b. what fans leave on their seats to reserve their places.
- c. bench sores of second-string players.



Answers on page 77.



# Happy, Happy! Joyner, Joyner!

An interview with  
**Jackie Joyner-Kersey**

We ran into **three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey** in St. Louis, a few days after she had broken the U.S. record for the 100-meter hurdles. Breaking records comes naturally to Jackie—she's broken at least 19 of them, and she's **the world-record holder in the heptathlon.**

**Nick Mag:** How many hours a day do you train?

**Jackie Joyner-Kersey:** Anywhere from two to eight.

**NM:** Were you always good in athletics?

**JJK:** Growing up, there were girls who were better than I was. I wanted to compete with them, so I worked hard.

**NM:** When was your first serious race?

**JJK:** When I was nine. I finished last in the 400-meter race. I knew then that racing wasn't about coming in first. It was about knowing that each time I'd get better.

**NM:** What was the first race you ever won?

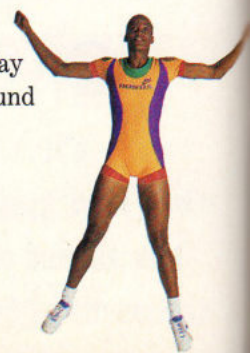
**JJK:** I can't recall. I really can't. Winning wasn't the most important thing to me. I learned a lot from *not* winning. There isn't much that I could learn from winning, outside of being happy and being glad that I accomplished something. Losing a race, and understanding why, allows me to go on to win.

**NM:** What were your favorite sports in gym?

**JJK:** Kickball, dodgeball, and running. We would have relay races every day, the girls against the boys on the playground during lunch.

**NM:** Did you have trouble with any classes?

**JJK:** Home economics. I got a D.





**NM:** What were your favorite subjects?

**JJK:** Math and science. I liked to solve word problems.

**NM:** Did you have a nickname as a kid?

**JJK:** Joker Jackie, because I liked to joke. Also, "Headquarters" because I have a big forehead. When I was 10 or 11, I was a cheerleader, and one of my cheers was, "We're all wacky, wacky. My name is Joker Jackie."

**NM:** Where do you keep your medals?

**JJK:** In a box. It might not sound like they mean anything to me, but they really do. I just don't showcase them.

**NM:** Growing up, did you have heroes?

**JJK:** I still do. I admire Rosa Parks, Babe Didrikson, and Wilma Rudolph.

**NM:** Do you eat candy?

**JJK:** Yes...too much! I like hard candy.

**NM:** What do you eat before a race?

**JJK:** A lot of pasta. For breakfast I might have pancakes. I have to be careful since many foods can give me an asthma attack. You name it, I'm allergic to it.

**NM:** Do you have any advice for kids who aren't great athletes?

**JJK:** Don't let something stop you. With my asthma, there are days when I'm struggling just to make it through. That's the challenge of wanting to be the best. Not every day is going to run as smoothly as you'd like it to run. But I don't let that stop me from doing things I know in my heart I can do.

**NM:** What is your most important accomplishment?

**JJK:** Graduating from UCLA. The Olympics were fun, but it was more important to me to graduate from college.

**NM:** If you could choose another time and place to live, what would it be?

**JJK:** Ancient Greece, in the time of gods and goddesses.

**NM:** How many pairs of sneakers do you have?

**JJK:** A lot! More than a hundred. I wear out my shoes in a week or two, so I'm constantly changing shoes. I also collect famous people's shoes.

**NM:** Whose shoes do you have?

**JJK:** Monica Seles's and Michael Jordan's. I have Jim Kelly's football, too.

**NM:** Do you ever think about running *around* the hurdles instead of *over* them?

**JJK:** We do that all the time in practice.

**NM:** Have you ever tripped over your own shoe laces?

**JJK:** No.

**NM:** Do you take the express lane in grocery stores?

**JJK:** No, because I never have 12 items or less.

## ...Hey, just what is a heptathlon?

The heptathlon is a seven-event track and field competition that takes place over two days.

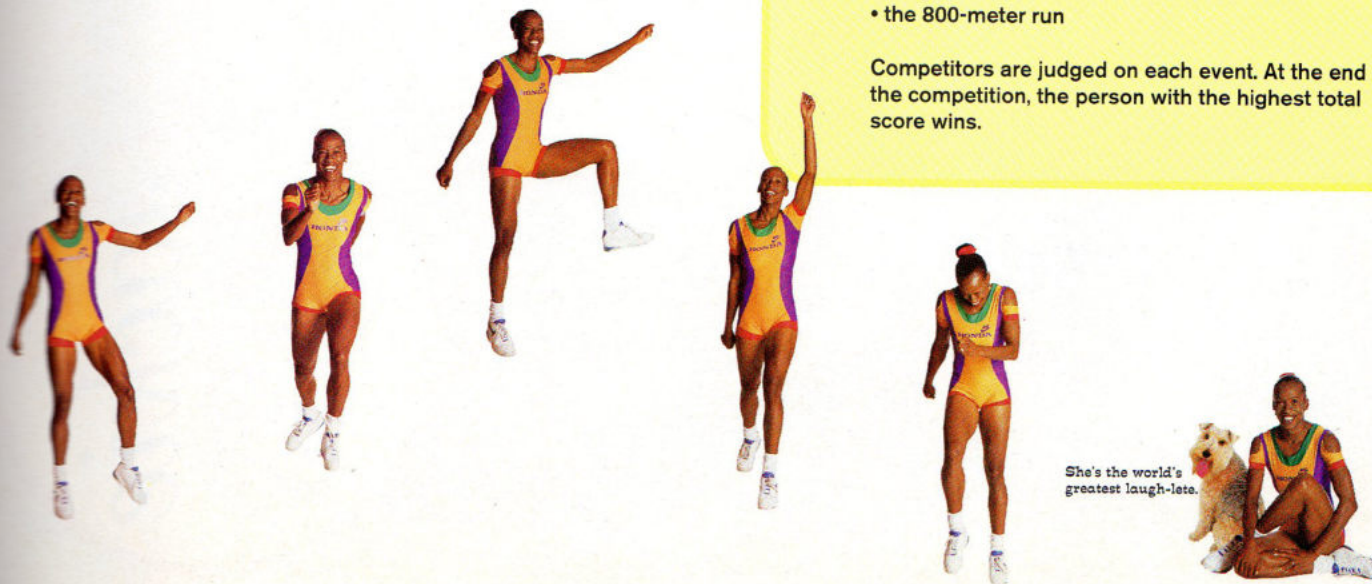
The first day, four events are held:

- the 100-meter hurdles
- the high jump
- the shot put
- the 200-meter dash

The second day, three events are held:

- the long jump
- the javelin
- the 800-meter run

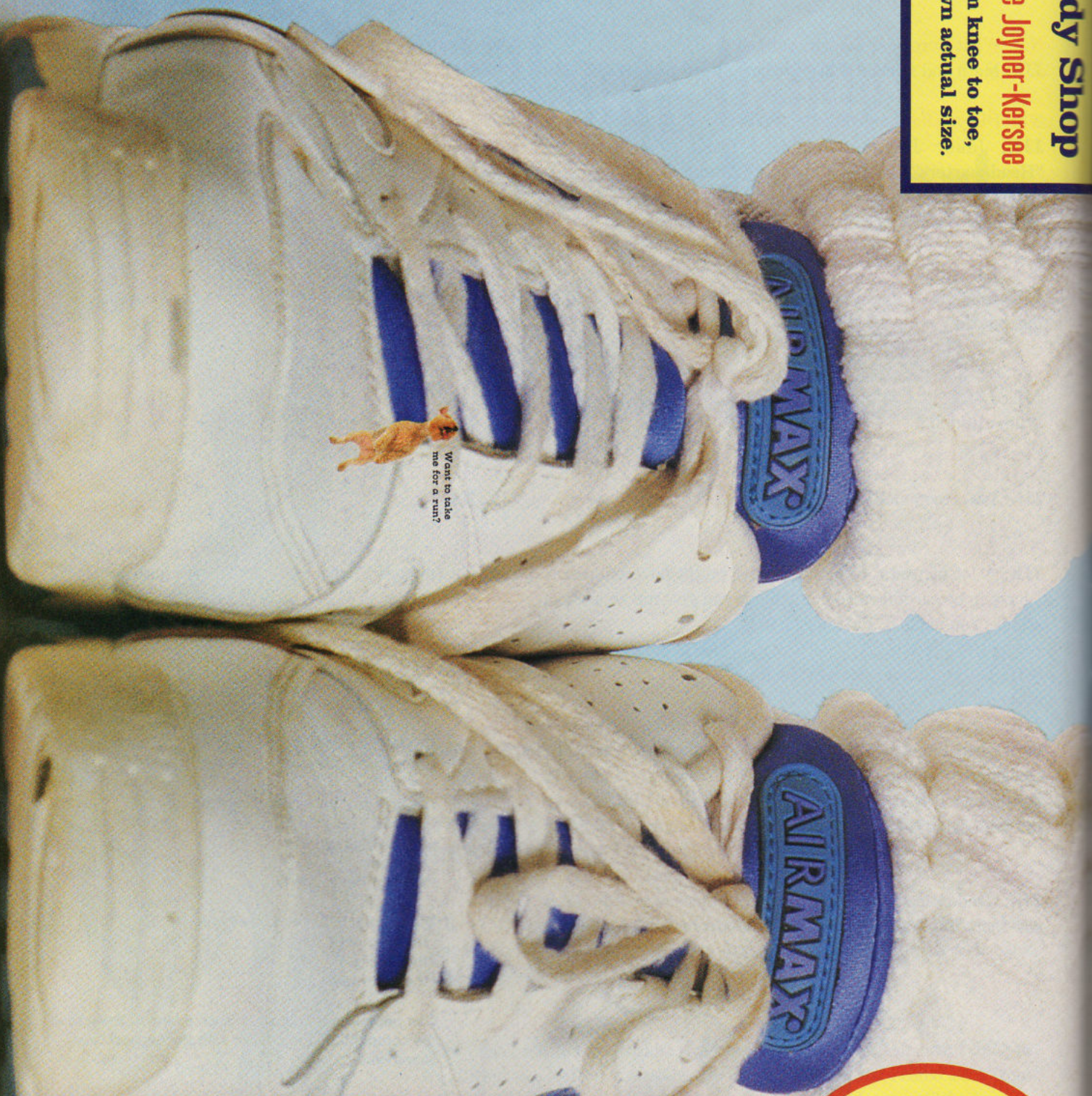
Competitors are judged on each event. At the end of the competition, the person with the highest total score wins.



## Body Shop

**Jackie Joyner-Kersey**  
from knee to toe,  
shown actual size.

Unfold this page to go toe to toe with Jackie Joyner-Kersey.



## Jackie FACTS

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 153 lbs.

Favorite fast food:  
double cheeseburger,  
no ketchup

Favorite sports (besides  
track and field):  
basketball and volleyball

Pizza or ice cream?  
ice cream

Shoe size:  
10 in women's sizes,  
8 1/2 in men's sizes

Favorite color:  
**red**

Favorite event  
in the heptathlon:  
long jump

Least favorite event  
in the heptathlon:  
800-meter race

Favorite way to relax:  
playing video games





# Game, Set, Match



See if you can zoom in on these sports stars. Match the **letter** of each athlete to the **number** of his or her close-up.

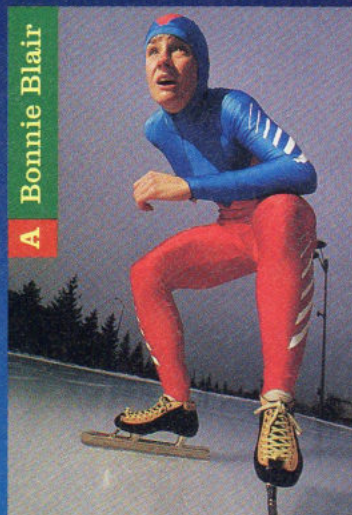
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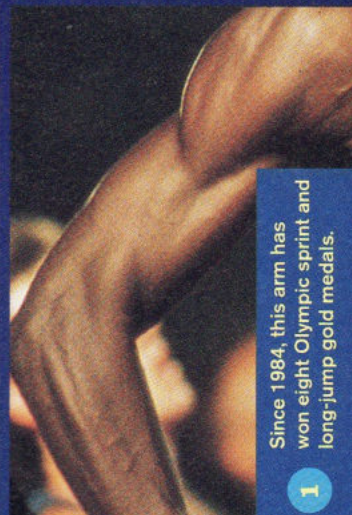
**D** Ken Griffey, Jr.



**E** Miguel Indurain



**A** Bonnie Blair



Since 1984, this arm has won eight Olympic sprint and long-jump gold medals.

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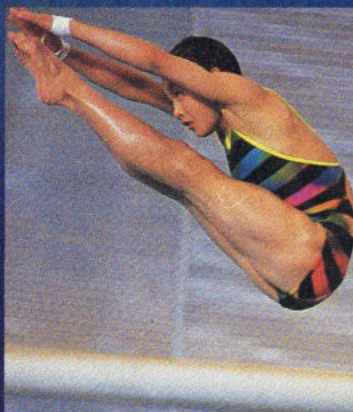
**4** This is the hand of the 1994 NBA Most Valuable Player.



**F** Joe Montana



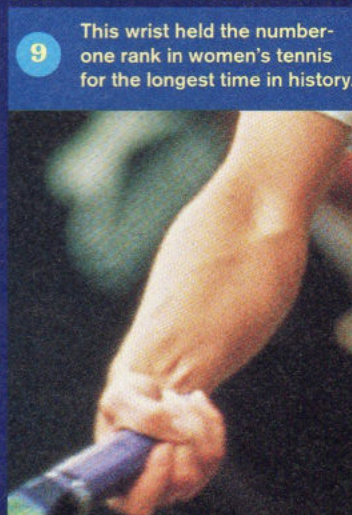
**8** This well-bred head raced to win two jewels of the 1994 Triple Crown.



**H** Fu Mingxia



**I** Picabo Street



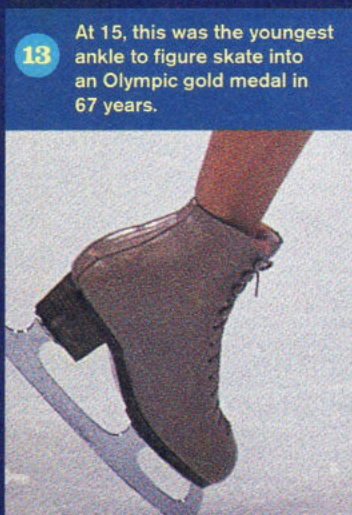
**9** This wrist held the number-one rank in women's tennis for the longest time in history.



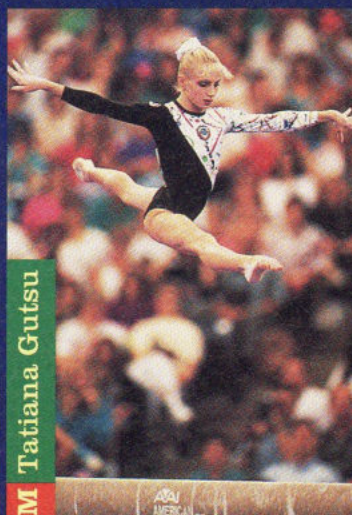
**L** Janet Evans



**12** This knee belongs to the 1993 International Soccer Player of the Year.



**13** At 15, this was the youngest ankle to figure skate into an Olympic gold medal in 67 years.



**M** Tatiana Gutsu

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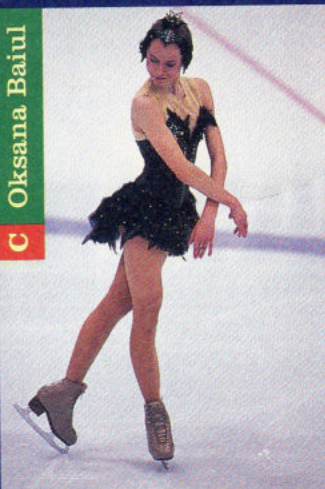
This is the face of the captain of the 1994 Stanley Cup champions.



B Steffi Graf



C Oksana Baiul



3

At age 12, these toes pointed the way for the youngest world diving champ ever.

5

This once-injured knee took the 1994 Olympic silver medal in the downhill.



G Roberto Baggio



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This leg won four medals at the 1992 Olympic Games.



This shoulder belongs to the only female American swimmer to win four Olympic gold medals.

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This elbow belongs to the only three-time Super Bowl Most Valuable Player.

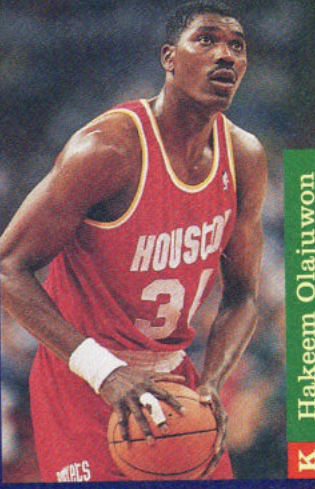


This calf cycled to win the Tour de France four times in a row.

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J Tabasco Cat



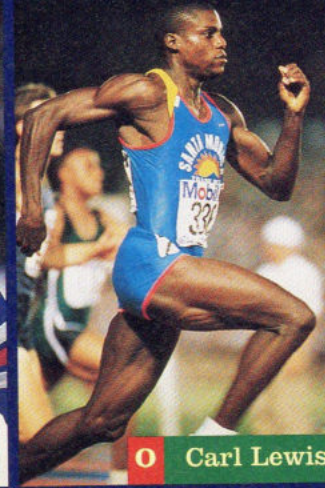
K Hakeem Olajuwon



This forearm hit 100 home runs in major league baseball before turning 24 years old.

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N Mark Messier



O Carl Lewis



This foot has won more gold medals than the foot of any other U.S. female Olympian.

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*Put away your x-ray specs. Here's an inside look at a basketball, a tennis ball, and a baseball, and the steps it takes to make them. *

## the basketball



**1.** The bladder, the innermost part of the ball (above left), is inflated with air.

**2.** The bladder is wound with more than a mile of thread. This keeps the ball round.

**3.** Rubber panels are glued on to make the inside stronger.

**4.** The ball is put in a hot mold to form the "channels" where the orange panels will be placed later. (On the finished ball, you see these channels as black lines.)

**5.** The orange leather sections are put on the ball by hand.

• There are more than 26,000 bumps on the surface of a basketball.



Hoops, there it is.



## the tennis ball

**1.** Two rubber chunks (see the chunk in top center of photo) are stamped into cup shapes.

**2.** Just before the cups are glued together, air is forced inside to pressurize the ball. This helps make it bounce.

**3.** The two yellow felt pieces are glued on. (Heat and pressure are applied so the felt will stick.) The ball goes into a machine that looks like a big laundry dryer, where it is steamed and fluffed.

**4.** The company's name is printed on.

• For the U.S. Open, magnetic metal powder is added to the materials in the ball's core. When the ball lands outside the lines on the court, the electronic line-calling system detects this powder, and a buzzer sounds.

## the baseball

**1.** A cork center is molded onto a layer of black rubber. (See bottom center of photo.)

**2.** Two black rubber cups are sealed together with red rubber. Then the entire ball is covered in red rubber.

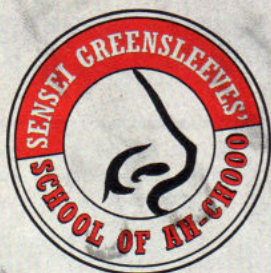
**3.** Layers of gray and white woolen yarn are wound tightly around the center. A layer of white thread finishes it all off. (The thread is not pictured.)

**4.** Glue holds the cowhide cover in place. The leather is stitched together by hand with 39 inches of red thread. There are exactly 104 stitches on each ball.

• The average life of a Major League baseball is six pitches.

• All baseballs in the Major Leagues are rubbed with specially harvested mud.

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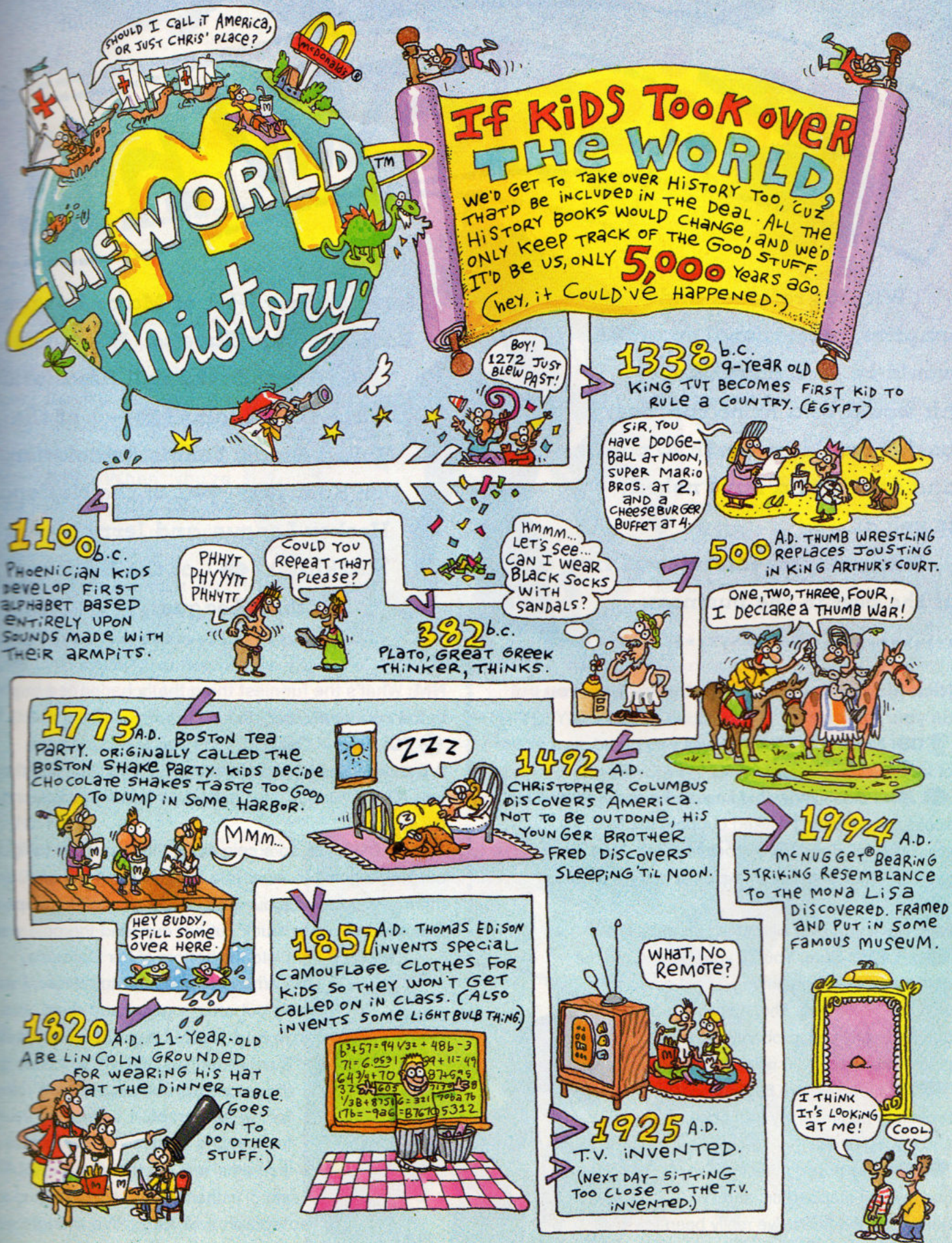
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# Whistle While

**R** Without referees and umpires, professional sports would be total chaos. Every hit would be a home run, every basket would be worth 10 points, and fans would have nobody to yell at.

**Robin Sayers** interviewed five of the best in the business:



**Terry Cooney** (⚾), of Major League Baseball, **Dick Bavetta** (🏀), of the National Basketball Association, **Bunny Williams** (🎾), of the United States Tennis Association, **Don Koharski** (🏒), of the National Hockey League, and **Jerry Markbreit** (⚽), of the National Football League.

**Nick Mag: Did you feel silly the first time you put on your uniform?**

**DB:** No, I never felt silly. I was very proud, as a matter of fact.

**JM:** I didn't know that I needed a garter to hold my socks up, so when I walked out onto the field, my stockings fell down. Everybody laughed. Now, after 39 years of officiating, I'm an expert at getting dressed.

**NM: Have you ever been hurt on the job?**

**BW:** Sure. You do your best to get out of the way, but sometimes you get smacked with one on the leg. Those balls are coming pretty fast, probably in the neighborhood of 100 miles per hour.

**DK:** Oh yes. I've had my nose broken three times, my foot once, and my leg once.

**JM:** I've pulled muscles, I've had my feet stepped on, and I've been hit in the head. I've really been banged around.

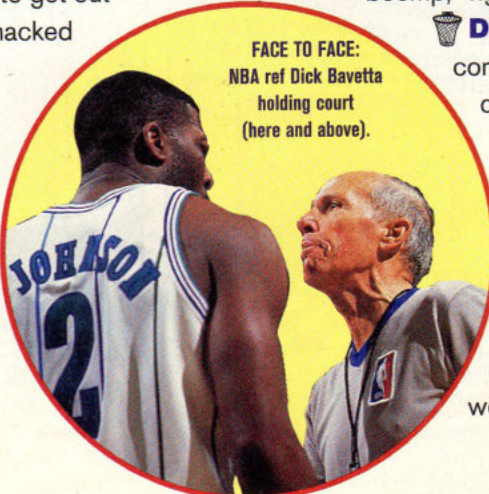
**NM: What's the funniest thing that's happened to you in the course of your job?**

**TC:** I was in Oakland, and I was at second base.

A line drive was hit straight at me, but I couldn't find the ball. All of a sudden, I felt it. It was inside my jacket, under my armpit.

**BW:** We do a coin flip in the beginning to figure out who's going to serve. So I was flipping the coin, and there were players around me who were holding cups of Gatorade. A player stuck out her cup, and the coin went "boomp," right into the bottom of her Gatorade.

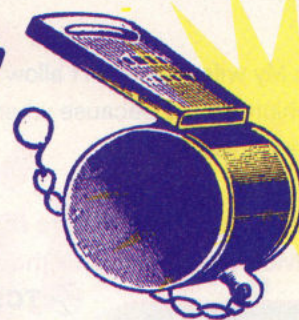
**DB:** When I first started to referee, I was coming out after a game and there was a crowd of people waiting. They said, "There he is! There he is!" So I kinda got all pumped up, and people were yelling for my autograph. I signed my name for a young gentleman. He looked at the name and said, "Who are you?" I said, "I'm the referee." He ripped up the autograph and said, "We thought you were a player!"



FACE TO FACE:  
NBA ref Dick Bavetta  
holding court  
(here and above).



# Do You Work



**NM:** What's it like being booed by more than 10,000 people?

**JM:** If it's only 10,000 booing you, it's wonderful. But usually it's 50,000 or more, and it's not a good feeling.

**BW:** When you're doing your job, you're not really aware of it. I think all umpires have very thick skin.

**DK:** You brush it off. It's almost a part of the job. We're like the president or the prime minister of a country. No matter what decision we make, it's not going to be a popular one.

**DB:** It's only a game. It doesn't bother me in the least.

**NM:** Have you ever admitted to a player or a coach that you made a bad call?

**TC:** No.

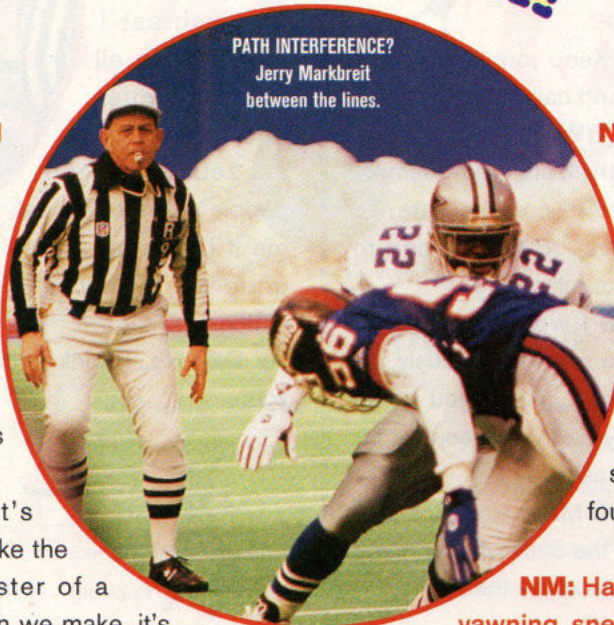
**DB:** Absolutely. Players, coaches, and fans learn to respect you more when you're honest enough to admit you made a mistake.

**NM:** What's the worst reaction to a call you ever got?

**JM:** I made a call in Buffalo once, and the crowd started chanting my name. They continued to do it for the whole second half. It was not pleasant.

**DK:** Fans littering the ice. One time we had about a 10-minute delay because things had to be picked up off the ice—programs, cups, hats.

PATH INTERFERENCE?  
Jerry Markbreit  
between the lines.



**NM:** Do you have to get your eyes examined?

**JM:** You have to take an eye test when you come into the league.

**TC:** Every year we have a physical. And also an eye examination.

**DB:** Yes. And I'm proud to say that I passed very well—the fourth time!

**NM:** Have you ever been caught on TV yawning, sneezing, hiccuping or otherwise embarrassing yourself?

**TC:** Yes. Blowing bubbles.

**NM:** Who settles your personal disputes at home?

**BW:** The umpire comes out in me.



SAFE! Terry Cooney,  
at work and at home.



**JM:** My wife. She won't allow me to be bossy at home, which is hard because when you're an official, you're very bossy.

**NM:** If one day umpires were replaced by robots, what advice would you give them?



ORDER ON THE COURT:  
Bunny Williams,  
her life on the line.

**TC:** Keep your head down, and call them right.

**BW:** To listen, most of all. I think first and foremost to listen. To communicate. To be honest, to be fair, and to know the rules.

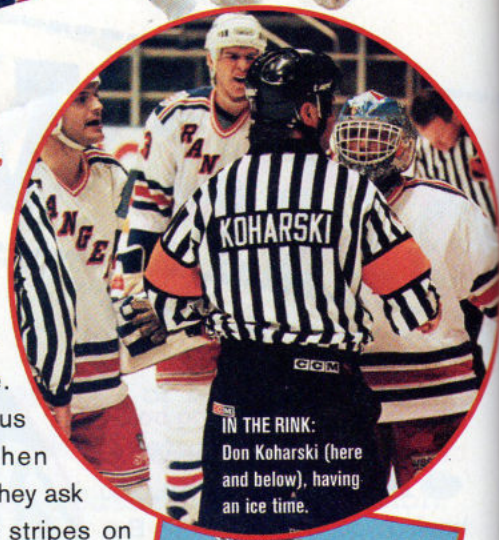
**DB:** I would say not to take yourself too seriously, be in the best shape you could possibly be in, and enjoy it for as long as it lasts.

**DK:** Make sure you have eyes in the back of your head, and never close them.

**NM:** Every time you see a zebra, do you think of your job?

**JM:** Yes, I love zebras! I have zebras all over my house. People refer to us as zebras. When people see me, they ask me if I have my stripes on underneath my regular clothes.

**DB:** No, I think of the zoo.



IN THE RINK:  
Don Koharski (here  
and below), having  
an ice time.



# OVERTIME

**NM:** Have you ever felt lazy and wanted to hire a maid to clean home plate for you?

**TC:** I don't know if that's legal or not. I don't think there's a plate umpire who would do that. I mean, he's responsible for that plate himself.

**NM:** Is it true you're the first NHL ref to land a triple axle jump during a game?

**DK:** Oh, gosh, no! I could maybe try one spin, but I'd probably fall down.

**NM:** What other jobs do National Football League officials have?

**JM:** We're allowed to have another job because

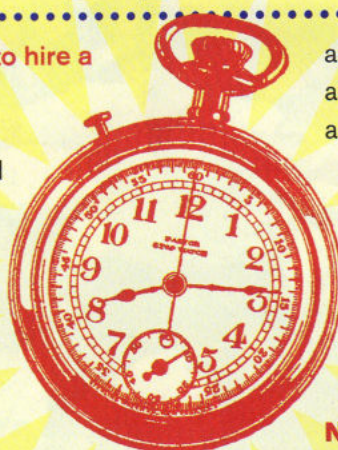
all our games are played on weekends. There's a longshoreman, an optician, businessmen, and professional men, all of whom have been involved in officiating their whole lives.

**NM:** Which city has the worst basketball fans?

**DB:** I think there are 27 cities that tie for first on that one.

**NM:** Do you ever have to go to the bathroom in the middle of a game?

**BW:** It does happen now and then, but if you're smart and don't have two cups of coffee with breakfast, you're usually okay.





Zelda Van Gutters'

# Spare Time

## quiz



There's  
a lot more to bowling than  
knowing your shoe size. Take  
our quiz, and try to pin down  
the correct answers. Write  
a "T" or an "F" in  
each box.

### TRUE OR FALSE

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Bowling balls are made of used lunch trays.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Official rules state that you lose one turn if you tie your opponent's shoes together.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. The youngest person on record ever to bowl a perfect game of 300 was 10 years old.         | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. The "hook" is the most common bowling throw.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Turkey bowling is a game that's played with a frozen turkey and 10 unopened soda bottles.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Eating round foods, like meatballs, before a game improves your score.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The ancient Bolemoor tribe believed that thunder was the sound of the god Nipgnik bowling. | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Throwing three consecutive strikes is called a "turkey."                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Elvis Presley owned a solid-gold bowling ball.   | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. On a certified lane, the distance from the foul line to the center of the headpin is 60 feet. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. The ancient Egyptians played a game similar to bowling.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Another name for a 7-8-10 split is "Grandma's teeth."   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. A golden retriever once rolled a 160 game.   | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. "Swollen thumb" is a common injury for bowlers.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Bowling shoes were invented by "Diamond" Emmett Kegler, a retired clown.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. The second most common bowler's ailment is "smelly rental shoe syndrome."                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. The largest bowling center in the U.S. has 106 lanes.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. The maximum weight for a regulation bowling ball is 16 pounds.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. More than 60 million Americans bowl at least once a year.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. The air that comes from a hand dryer is made from recycled burps.                             |

Answers on page 77.

# Ruffing It



## EPISODE 6

# Fizz-Ed

Featuring **Zelda Van Gutters**, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's roving office manager

**1** Nick Mag publisher, Lynn Lumpcoal, startles the staff by announcing a new physical fitness policy.

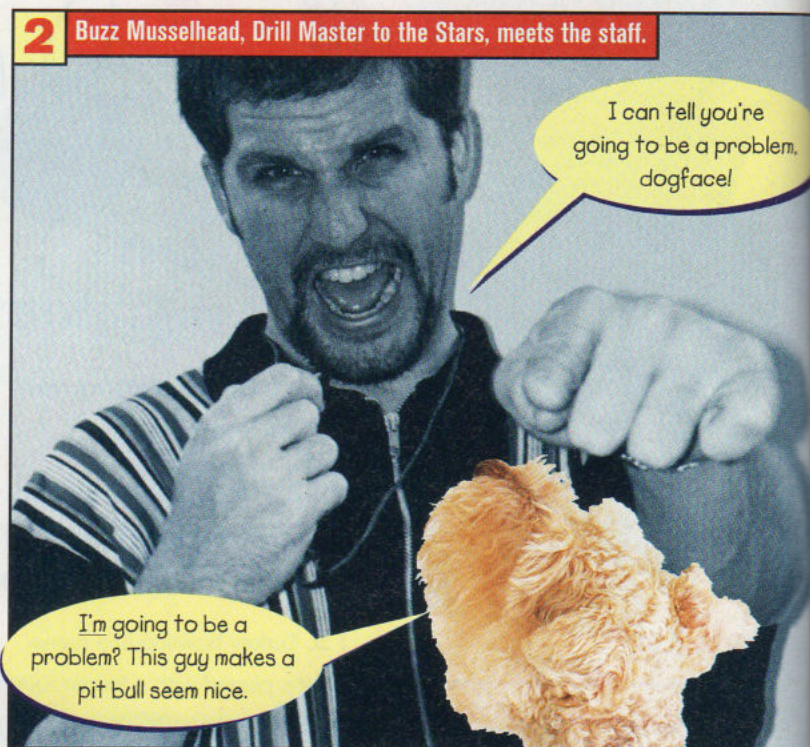


So, instead of starting work at 9 AM, we'll meet at 6 AM for a three-hour workout.

Grrrrr...

This is for the dogs.

**2** Buzz Musselhead, Drill Master to the Stars, meets the staff.



I can tell you're going to be a problem, dogface!

I'm going to be a problem? This guy makes a pit bull seem nice.

**3** The staff tries to run the obstacle course—with little success.



Shake that tail! And put that tongue back in your mouth, terrier-teeth!

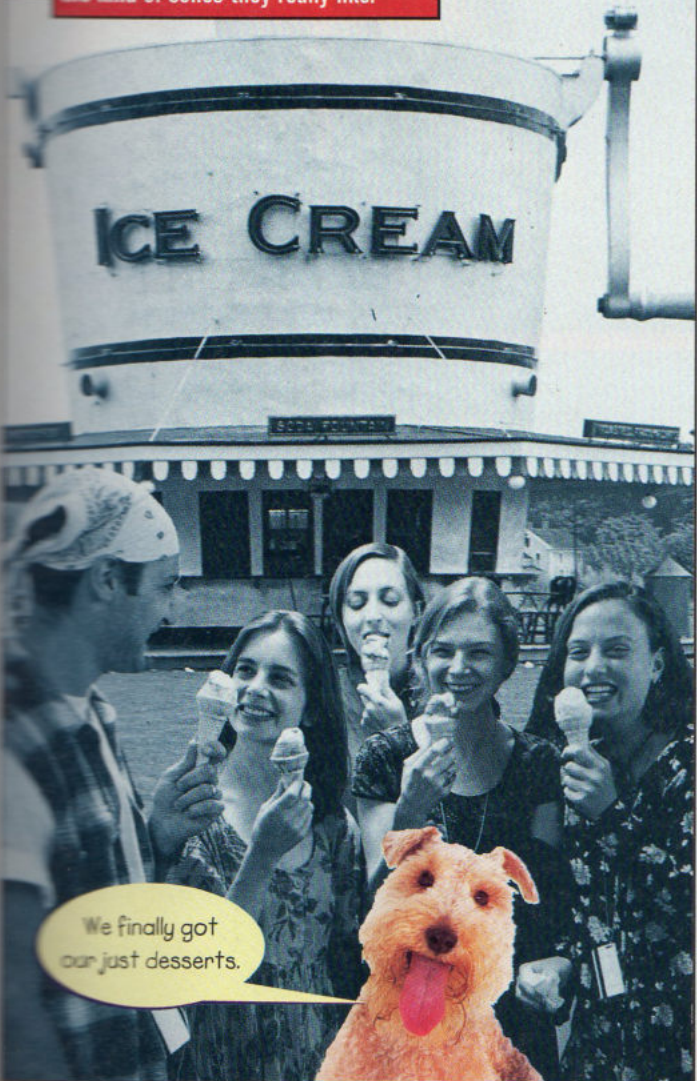
I just can't seem to lick these cones.

**4** The staff is exhausted.

We're all dog tired.  
I'm going to stop this...  
the only way I  
know how.



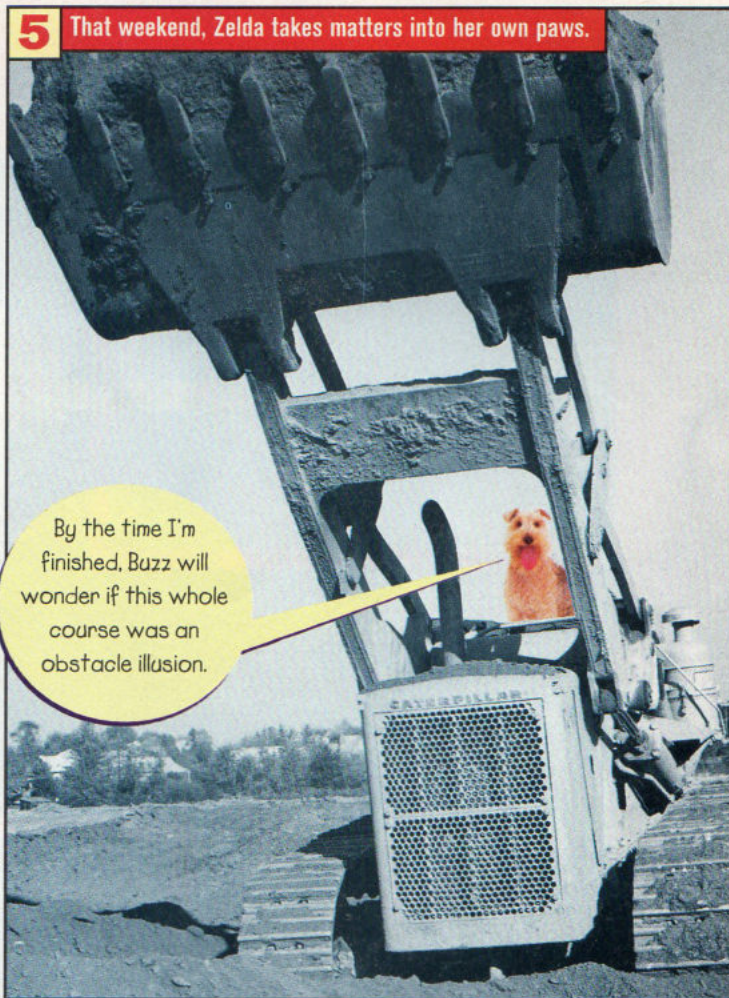
**6** Lynn gets the point and gives the staff  
the kind of cones they really like.



We finally got  
our just desserts.

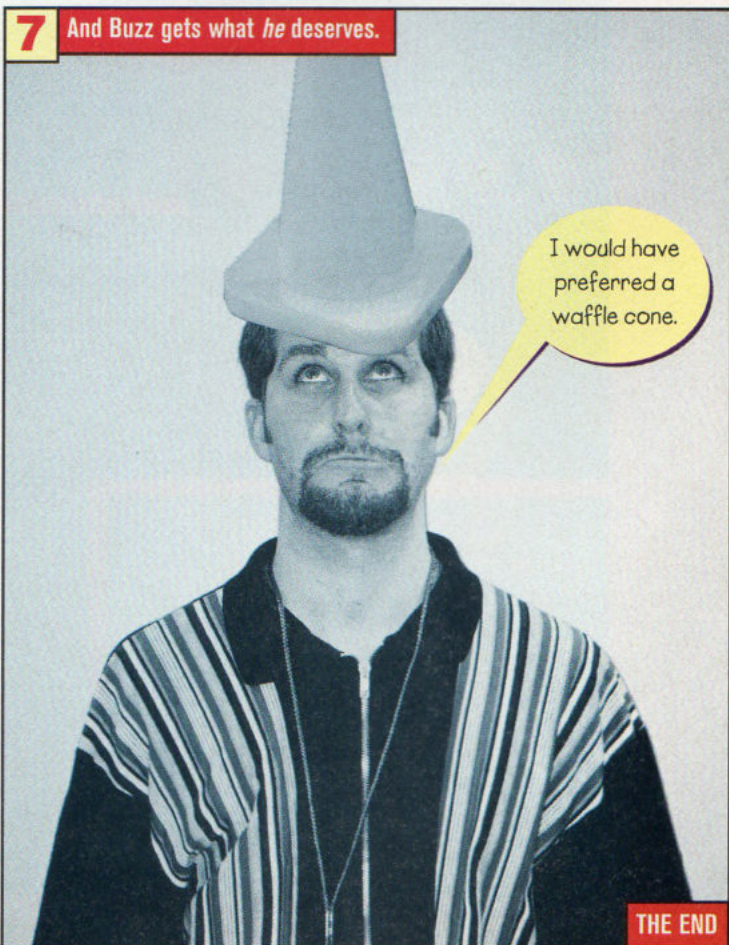
**5** That weekend, Zelda takes matters into her own paws.

By the time I'm  
finished, Buzz will  
wonder if this whole  
course was an  
obstacle illusion.



**7** And Buzz gets what *he* deserves.

I would have  
preferred a  
waffle cone.



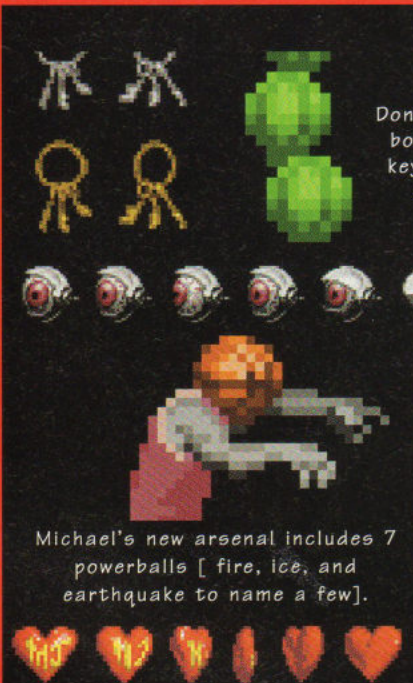
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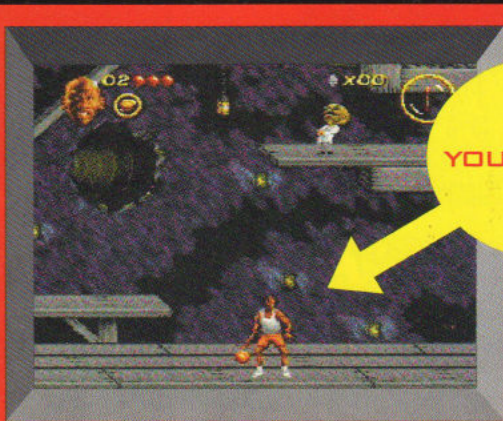
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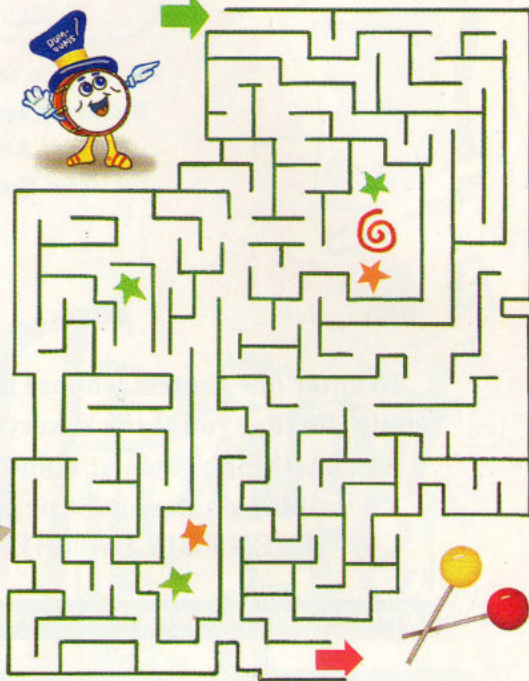
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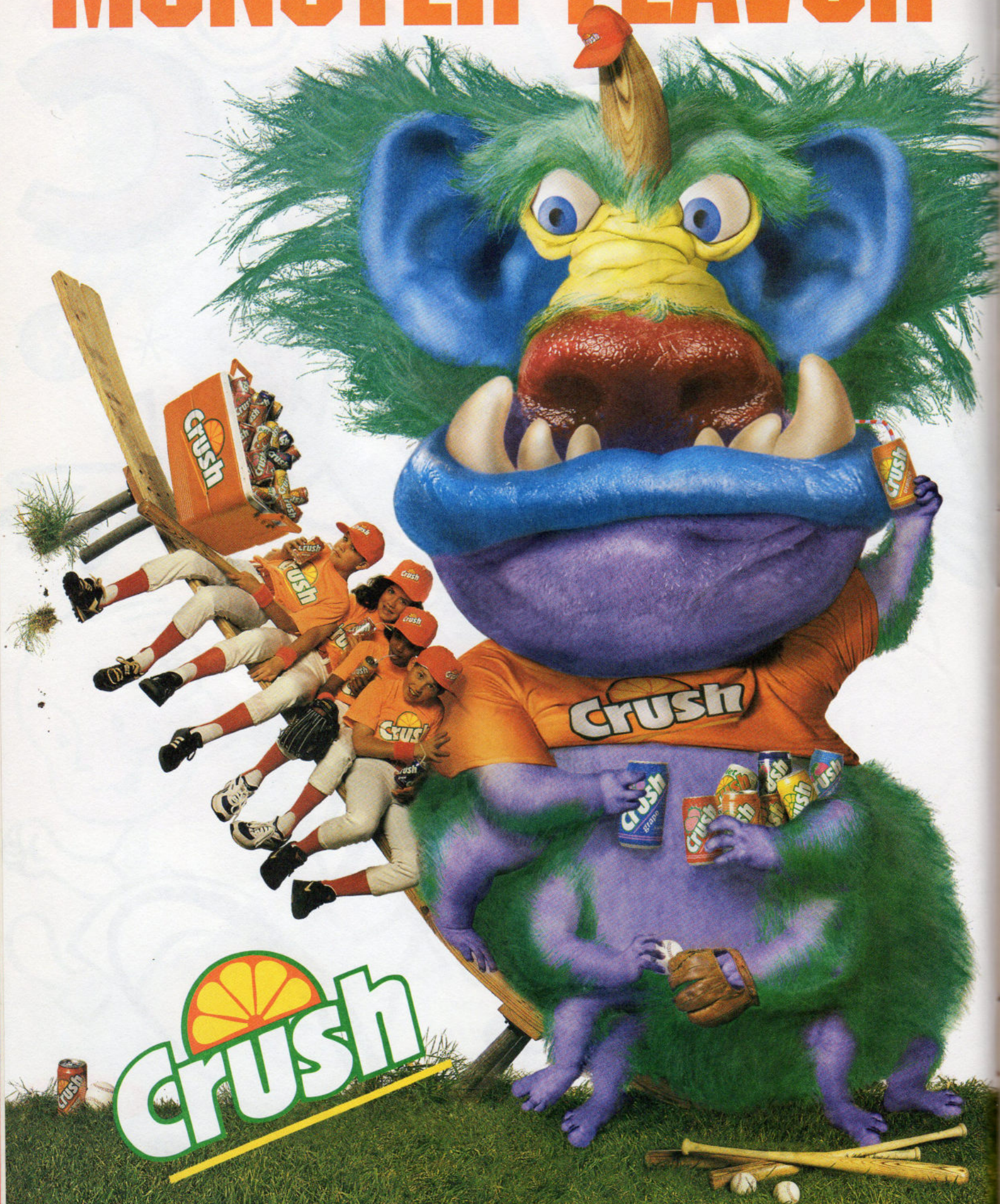
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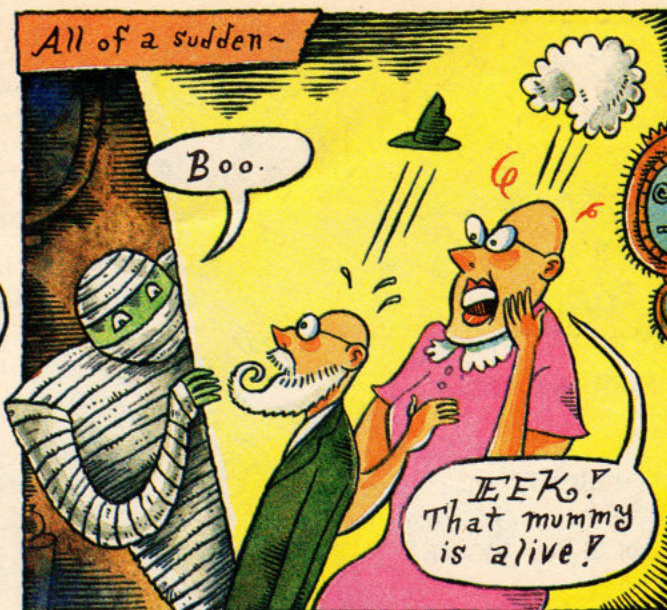
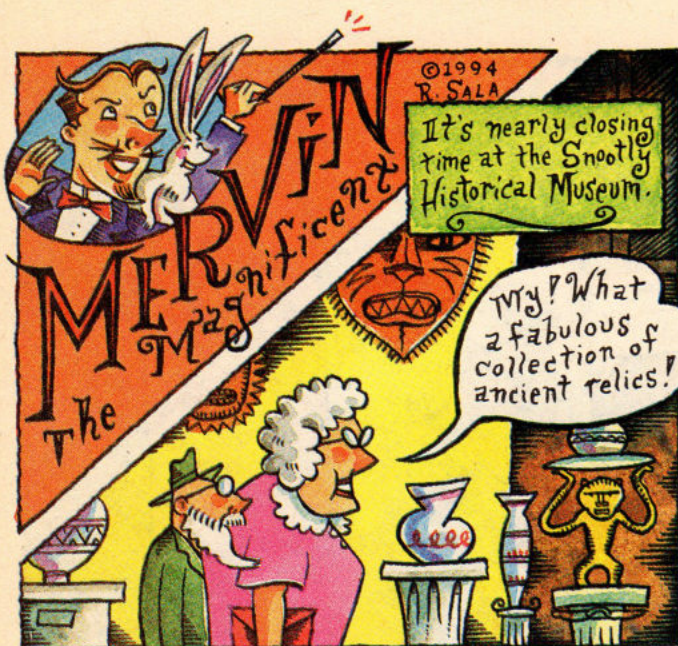


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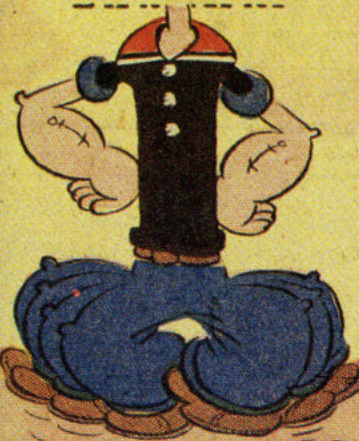








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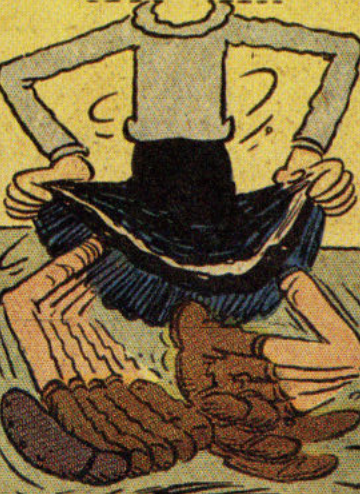










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These Funny Films were drawn by Popeye creator E.C. Segar. They first appeared on Sunday comics pages in 1934. Follow the directions below to make Popeye and Olive Oyl dance. Then turn the page over and create your own moving pictures.

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OLIVE OYL 	<b>THIMBLE THEATRE MOVIES</b> 	ROUGH-HOUSE 
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CAP'N HULL 		GOON 
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	<b>THIMBLE THEATRE MOVIES</b> 	
		
		
		
PASTE TO OPPOSITE FILM		END 

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**End**

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**FUNNY FILMS**




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**Paste to opposite film**

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# Gagging in the Lunchroom

To assemble,  
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on reverse side.

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THIS WEEK'S FILM:

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SELECTED SHORTS IN  
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## WEEK 3: Gray Goodies

A whole plate of food—all of it gray!  
**Free** for the first 10 diners who can  
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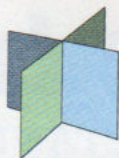
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**mysterious**  
**meat**—nestled  
between two  
slices of **stale**  
**white bread!**



1. Cut along all the dotted lines on the page. (Don't go past the end of the dots.)

2. Fit the two pieces together as shown.



3. Place on your cafeteria table.

4. Make believe you have no idea where it came from.

## Frequent Chewers

## PLAN

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# SMELL

# STEER

# CLIMB

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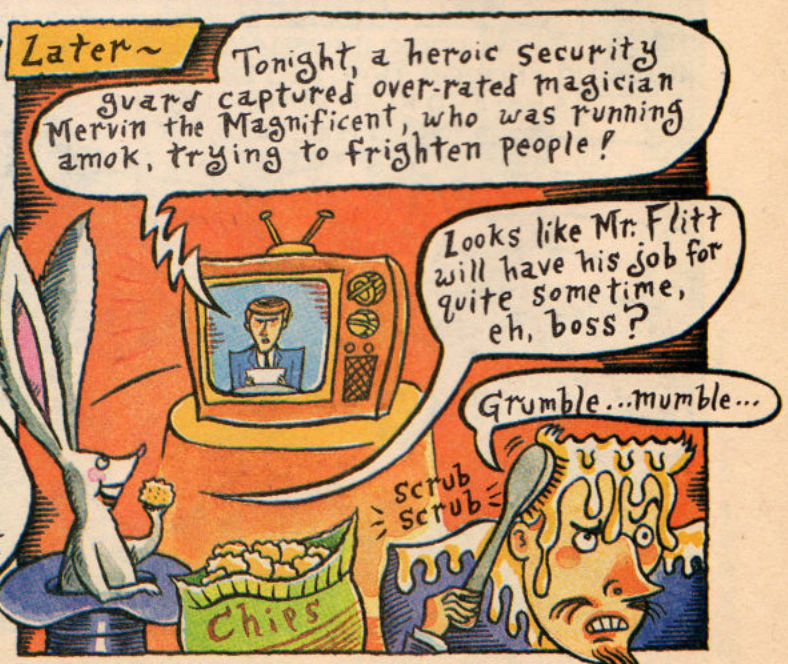
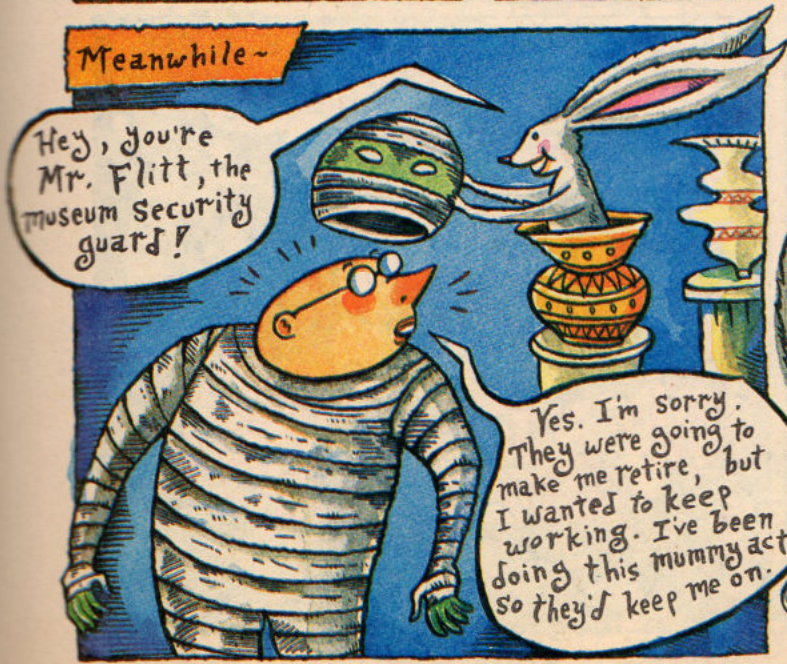
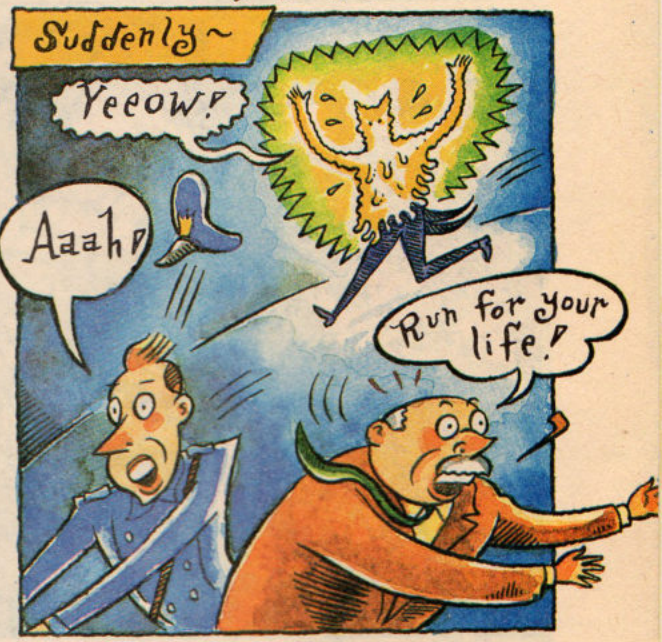
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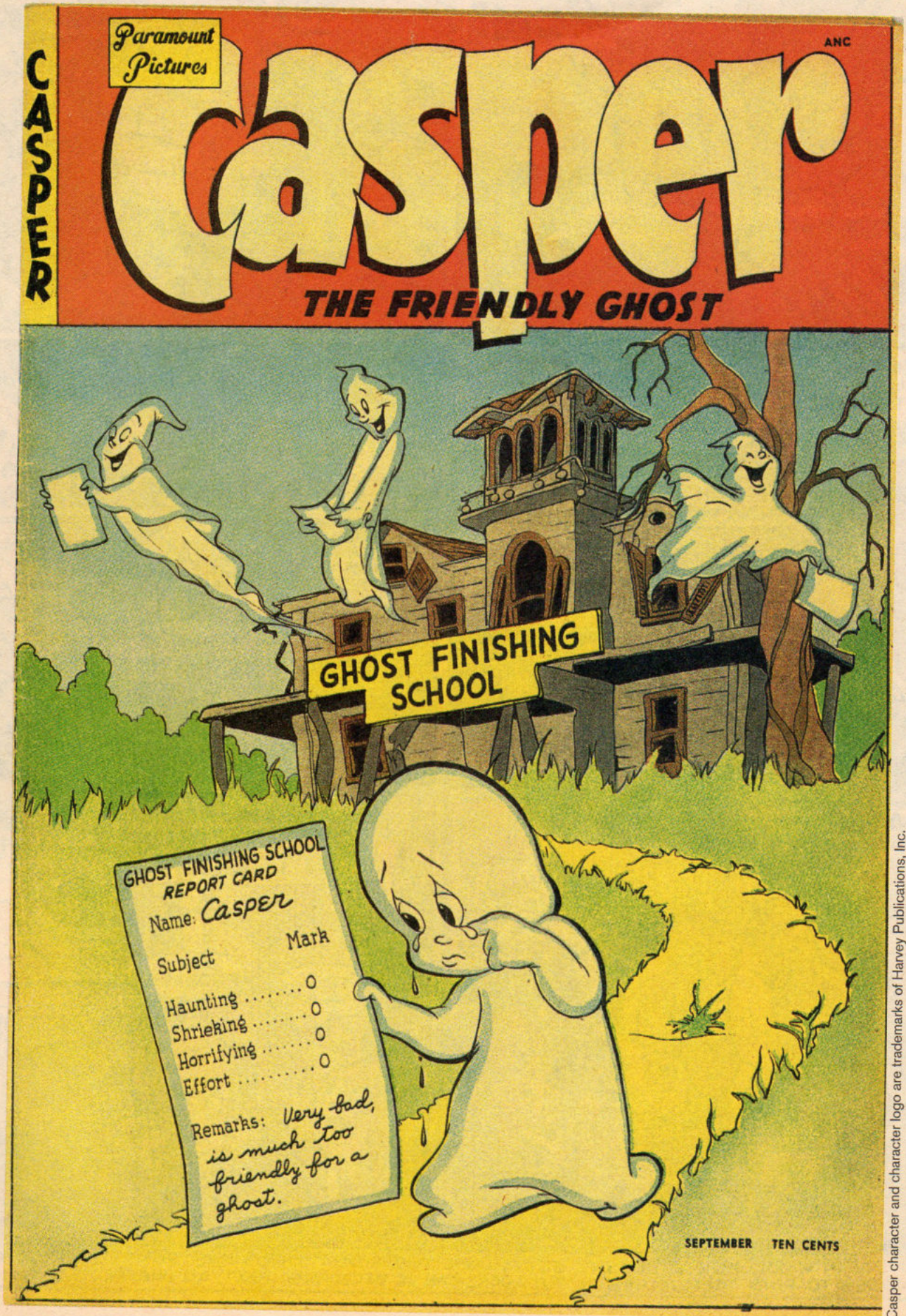
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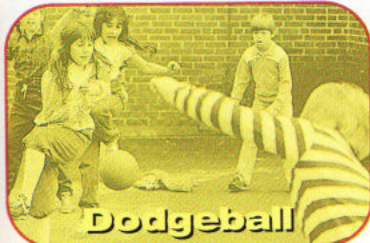
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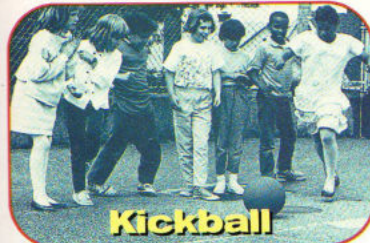
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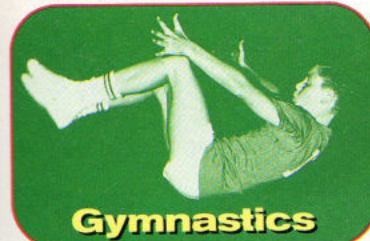


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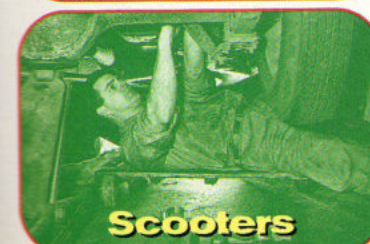
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Scooters

Get to sit through gym class

Fingers get run over

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# Make-your-own Tales From The Boiler Room

as told to Betsy Loreda

I'm a scaredy cat.



I'm Edgar, the custodian at Usher Middle School. I know everything that goes on in this creepy place, and **my tales will make you SCREAM!** I was going to tell you **three Halloween stories**, but plans have changed due to an unfortunate accident. A boiler blew up and all the pages of my stories are mixed up. Can you help put them back in order? Pick a **beginning**, a **middle**, and an **end** to make up a story. There are 27 possible combinations. Try to figure out what the three original stories were. It will be much more fun than trying to put the principal back together. **I told him not to come down here!**  
(Answers on page 77.)

## Beginnings

**A** Ted and Jess agreed—there was something strange about their home economics teacher, Ms. Todd. And something even stranger about the “mystery meat” she was always cooking. It smelled like dirty gym socks and tasted worse. The only kid who would eat it was Bram, but he’d been acting weird ever since he got the lead role in the school play, *Dracula*.

One day, Ted asked, “What is this stuff, anyway? Foot cheese?”

Before Ted could blink, a large kitchen

knife flew, point first, into the counter, a millimeter from his thumb. “Oops! Did I do that?” Ms. Todd said. “Sooo clumsy!”

Jess and Ted figured they’d better find another way of solving the meat mystery. First, they needed to investigate the big fridge Ms. Todd had declared “off-limits.”

So after school, Ted snuck inside the home ec. room and cracked the refrigerator door. Cold air and a sweet, rotten odor drifted out. Ted opened the door wider...



# B

Ted and Jess were thrilled when they got cast in Usher Middle School's annual production of *Dracula*. But soon, weird things began happening in rehearsals. Students started whispering that the play was cursed.

Big black bats were seen backstage. Dissection frogs, class pets, and the school's sloth mascot vanished. And cast members complained of falling asleep in the dressing rooms and awakening with unusual "bug bites" on their necks. Even Ms. Todd, the home economics teacher and drama coach, started acting funny.

Ted told Jess with a shiver, "I caught Ms. Todd backstage eating flies."

Was it just Usher up to its old tricks? Or were all these freaky events the work of Bram, the sinister new kid in school, who was the star of *Dracula*? After all, he *did* keep asking Jess about her blood type.

One afternoon, Ted showed up early for rehearsal. He was alone backstage when he heard a scratching sound coming from the prop coffin. Ted approached the coffin. Slowly, slowly, he lifted the creaky lid...

# C

The whole town of Lovecraft showed up for the opening of the new Usher Middle School. Except for the accident at the ribbon-cutting (the Mayor is doing fine with nine fingers), everything went smoothly.

But later Jess and Ted began noticing a series of strange incidents: Eerie messages, like "You're all ghost bait!" were broadcast over the intercom. Doors were locked by unseen hands, trapping kids in home economics. And desks skidded across classrooms all by themselves.

Bram, star of *Dracula* and son of the architect who built the school, claimed to know a secret, but he wouldn't talk. Then one day, Ted saw Bram look around nervously before stuffing something in a locker. Ted vowed to find out what Bram had hidden in there.

Ted decided to look in Bram's locker while Bram was in gym. Using hefty bolt cutters from shop class, Ted snapped the lock. He threw open the locker door...

## Middles

### 1

...and inside, asleep in his *Dracula* cape, lay Bram. Bram's eyes popped open! He glared at Ted with eyes that glowed a burning, bloody red. Ted fled.

That night there was a dress rehearsal for *Dracula*. Jess and Ted were alert for danger. Sure enough, the rehearsal was soon shattered by the screams of one of the actors. "Bram *bit* me!"

Bram stormed across the stage, snarling and baring his bloody fangs. The cast scattered. Jess and Ted faced the

vampire alone.

Thinking fast, Ted reached for a wooden stake and plunged it into Bram's chest—but it was just a prop made out of papier-mâché. Ms. Todd appeared, and she threw herself on top of Ted, growling and biting.

Laughing crazily, Bram ran out the backstage door, with Jess hot on his heels. Jess chased Bram down the stairs, through empty, echoing hallways, and through an open door...

### 2

...and stared in horror. A skeleton! Ted stood frozen—until the skeleton smiled a hideous grin. Ted bolted away.

Later, Ted and Jess ambushed Bram in the gym. While Jess held Bram in a soccer net, Ted forced Bram to talk.

"The school was built over the graves of witches burned at the stake," Bram confessed. "Now we're all *doomed*!" To prove it, Bram showed them a map: The graves lay directly under the home ec. kitchens, a boys' bathroom, and the boiler room.

After school, Jess and Ted decided to search Usher to try to find the source of its evil power. Eventually they split up. Bad idea, thought Jess a minute later. She went back to look for Ted, but he had vanished. A voice seemed to whisper to her from behind a closed door. Jess called Ted's name. Silence. Fearing her friend was in danger, Jess plunged through the door...



3

...and there, lying atop neatly-stacked plastic containers, was a bug-eyed dead rat. Ted almost lost his lunch. Suddenly, he heard voices in the hallway. Time to run! But first he read the container labels: "*Boiler Room (fat & juicy),*" "*Principal's Office (put up a fight),*" "*Gym (tried to escape my trap).*"

Ted reported back to Jess. She was just as spooked as he was. Maybe more, because she had to stay after school to rehearse with Bram. In case of trouble, Jess asked Ted to stay, too.

Sure enough, that night, Bram stopped rehearsal to say he had to leave for his new job—checking rattraps in the school basement.

"But I haven't seen a rat in days," he said with an odd grin. "I guess something...*else*...is getting them first."

When Jess looked backstage, Ted was gone. All alone, Jess decided to search the dark school halls for him. Then she heard heavy footsteps behind her. Something told her they weren't Ted's. Terrified, Jess ran through a classroom doorway...

## Endings

X

...and found herself in the boys' bathroom. Even worse, a stall door was open and a swirling orange cloud surrounded the toilet. Just then, Ted burst in.

Jess and Ted realized that the cloud was a doorway to "the other side," and that one of them must go in to combat the evil forces controlling the school.

"I'll go," Jess said. "I know Pig Latin." Ted got a roll of toilet paper and tied one end to Jess's waist so she could find her way back. Jess stepped into the void, and Ted started counting sheets.

In the vortex, Jess saw a bat go howling by,

singing the National Anthem. Then she noticed rat-like forms slide by, and figured they were old witches. With some Pig Latin ("Og-ay oward-tay het-ay ight-lay!") and a swift kick, Jess sent them to their final rest.

In the boys' room, Ted gasped when the 1,000 sheets came up short—ending at 968. Jess was gone! Searching desperately for Jess, Ted finally found her inside the home ec. fridge, chowing down on "mystery meat." Smiling, Jess said, "Ghost-busting always make me hungry!"

THE END

Y

...and into complete darkness. The footsteps stopped outside the door. Jess ducked behind a desk, just in time.

The door creaked opened. Two figures stood silhouetted by the hallway light: Bram and Ms. Todd! The door closed. Jess held her breathe—even when she felt something chewing on her finger. Someone flicked on the lights! Jess looked down and saw a rat. Then she looked up—and saw Ms. Todd, looming over her with a cleaver held high. Jess grabbed the rat and flung it into Ms. Todd's face. As the home ec. teacher screamed and clawed at the rat, Jess ran for the door. Bram was blocking it, but suddenly Ted threw the door open, sending Bram flying. Jess flew out of the room.

When Ted and Jess returned with the police, Bram was out cold. Ms. Todd was huddled in a corner, holding the rat. "Ever tried rattail spaghetti?" she asked, as the police edged closer. "It's *sooo* good!" Then she dropped the cleaver blade, neatly chopping off the rat's worm-like tail.

THE END

Z

...into the boiler room's steamy cavern. Clouds of hot air hissed from pipes and for a moment, Jess was blinded. Then something heavy and furry dropped onto her head. Just as she tried to scream, fangs scraped her neck.

Suddenly, Ted exploded from out of the mist and pulled a huge bat from Jess's neck. He flung it across the room, where it transformed into Bram.

While Bram and Ted fought, Jess reached into her backpack. Tossing aside a box of silver bullets, she found what she wanted: the wooden stake she had made that day in shop class, just in case. Jess aimed it at Bram's heart. But she just couldn't do it.

Ted fell under Bram's grip. And suddenly, Bram changed into a bat and lunged for Ted's neck. Jess drove the stake through the bat's back. Shrieking, it flopped wildly for a second before crumbling into ashes.

Together, Jess and Ted staggered from the boiler room. Jess didn't even notice Ted rubbing a nasty bite on his neck.

THE END

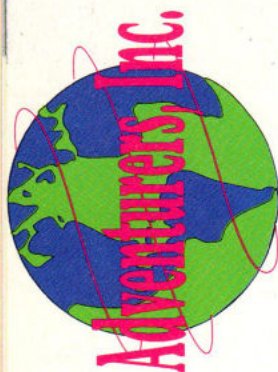


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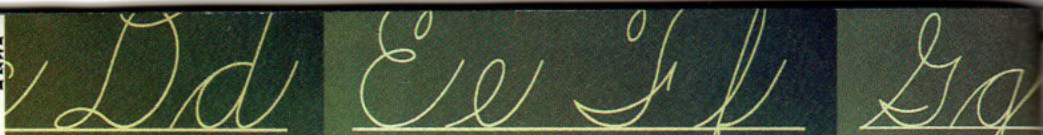


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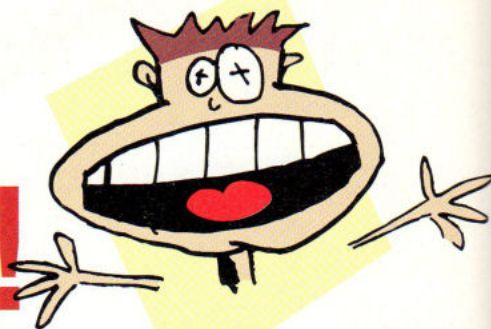
## What did you do last weekend?

- ☐ a. Rafted down the Colorado River.
- ☐ b. Went skydiving in Vancouver.
- ☐ c. Hunted for ghosts in Spain.
- ☐ d. Gave my ears a really thorough cleaning.



# You and Your BIG MOUTH!

## Five Steps to a Better Oral Report



by David Lewman

### 1. Create excitement

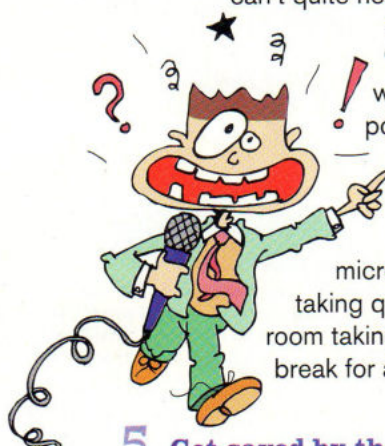
When the teacher says it's your turn to speak, have a friend jump up and introduce you this way: "And now, classmates, put your hands together and give a warm (name of your school here) welcome to (your name here), because it's time for him/her to give his/her fabulous report on (title of your report here)!"

### 2. Dress for success

Wear mismatched clothing and enter on stilts. The teacher will be so distracted by your appearance, he or she won't be able to concentrate on your report.

### 3. Set the mood

Play loud music during your report, so that the teacher can't quite hear what you're saying. Be sure to tie the music in to your topic. Example: "Leeches thrive in Lower Frestonia, where tuba music like this is very popular."



### 4. Work the crowd

Like Oprah, carry a big microphone and wander around the room taking questions. Then wander around the room taking answers. When things get exciting, break for a commercial.

### 5. Get saved by the smell

Bring something stinky in a jar. ("Here's what leeches look like after they've been dead for six weeks.") Tell your teacher that unless he or she gives you an A, you'll open the jar and pass it around the room.



Number 6: Roll over and beg.

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Next time your older relatives rattle on about the good old days in sports, when ballpark hot dogs cost a nickel and every hit was a home run, stun them into silence by telling them how things will be in the future.

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Can I be frank with you?

## Price of a professional basketball player's sneakers

1962: \$12
1994: \$135

At this rate, in 2050, a pro's sneakers will cost \$350; maybe they'll come with radioactive odor eaters.

## The height of the tallest NBA player

1950: 7 feet
1994: 7 feet 7 inches

At this rate, in 2050, the tallest player will be 8 feet 3 inches; and people will call Shaquille O'Neal "Tiny."

## The price of a stadium hot dog

1960: 30 cents
1994: \$1.75

At this rate, in 2050, a hot dog will cost \$4.14; and a foot-long hot dog will be two yards.

## The average speed of an Indy 500 race car

1955: 128 mph
1994: 161 mph

At this rate, in 2050, the average speed will be 208 mph; and the drivers will have to get a pilot's license and show in-flight movies.

## The average yearly salary of a major league baseball player

1969: \$24,909
1994: \$1,062,780

At this rate, in 2050, the average yearly salary will be \$3,387,611; and in 2051, the fans will go on strike.

## The number of hockey games in a season

1925: 36 games
1994: 84 games

At this rate, in 2050, the average number of hockey games in a season will be 123; and maybe by then the Rangers will have won another Stanley Cup.





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# WHEEL COOL

Some people think decorating a car means hanging an air freshener from the rearview mirror. But a few folks take car art far beyond bumper stickers and fuzzy dice. Keep an eye out for these amazing autos on your next road trip. 

## Button Car

Dalton Stevens is nicknamed "The Button King." One night, when he had trouble sleeping, he started sewing buttons all over his pants. Decorating with buttons became his hobby, and he went on to cover his entire car with an estimated 149,000 buttons. He also has a button-covered mailbox and outhouse.



## Grass Car

Gene Pool got grass to grow on his car by spraying it with industrial adhesive, spreading seeds on it, watering it, and keeping it under a plastic cover until it was lush and green. He's made other grass-covered objects, including the outfits above. If you see him, get out of his way, or he'll mow you down!

I buried a bone  
under the hood.



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## Hippomobile

Albert Guibarra built this brass-and-copper hippo over a 1971 Ford Mustang convertible. Its nickname is "Puddles," because when you push a special button, it squirts water out from a hole under the tail. Maybe he should drive it to a hippodrome.

## Mad Cad

It took six years for Larry Fuente and his friends to cover his 1960 Cadillac Sedan de Ville with jewels, beads, sequins, and knick-knacks. The dashboard features antique hula dolls that jiggle and dance when the car moves, and the seats are upholstered with removable stuffed animals.



## Cowasaki

Larry Fuente, who also made the "Mad Cad," above, turned his motorcycle into this divine bovine. Instead of "beep," the horn goes "moo." Larry plans to make a motorcycle-powered horse and chicken in the future. Good cluck, Larry!

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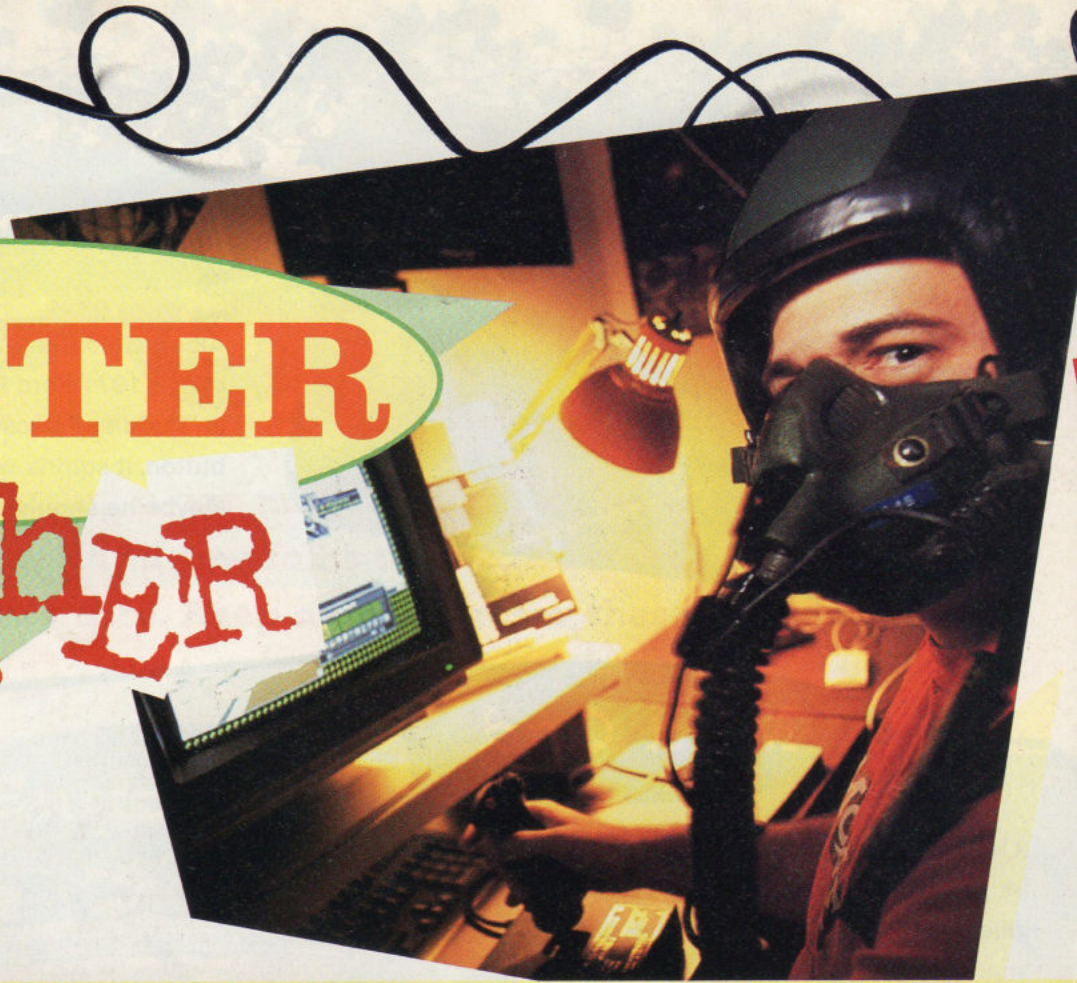
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# MASTER

# CRASHER

by Becky Burcham



## STOP PLAYING VIDEO GAMES? NEVER!

Wouldn't it be great if you  
got paid to play video

games all day? John Possidente thinks so. He's a video game tester. He plays games over and over to make sure they're perfect before they get to you. It's his job. Instead of paying to play, he's paid to play.

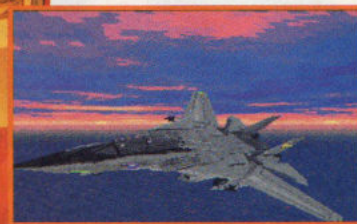
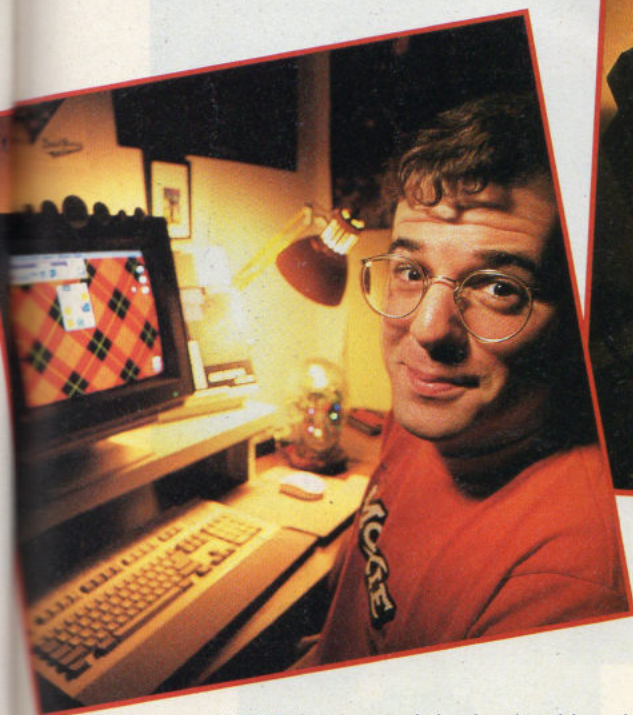
"I check for everything from misspellings and tiny graphic errors to more complicated problems like memory conflicts," says John. "Even if a game is boring, that's considered a problem, or what we call a 'bug,' and sometimes it's enough to stop it from being released."

## WORKING WITH THE MADMAN

At 8:30 in the morning, John starts playing video games on his office computer. He doesn't quit until after dinner. Visiting his office is kind of like being inside a giant video game. The lights are low, the room has a blue glow, and people with nicknames like Madman and HewDog wander in and out.

John plays a game for weeks, or even months, hunting out all the bugs and trying to crash it. (For you non-gamers out there, to "crash" a game means to find a way to freeze it by discovering a weakness in the game program.) When John gets a game from the programmers, it usually has about 500 bugs, while more complex games can have as





**IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT:** John takes a break from piloting his keyboard and his F-15.

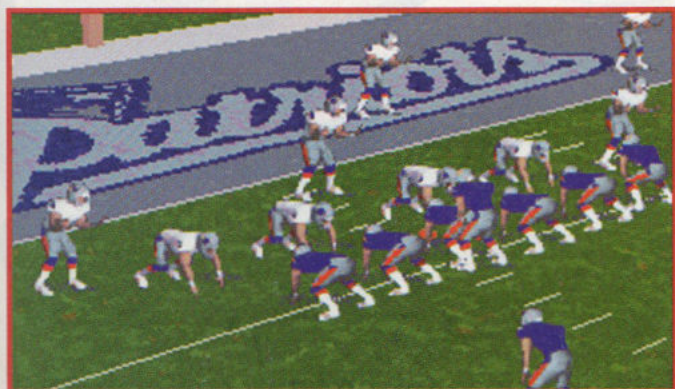


many as 1,500. In a way, John is checking the programmers' work.

It's rare that a game is scrapped because it has too many problems. Only one out of 10 fails to make it past John and the other 20 crashers at MicroProse Software, the company where he works.

## THE BUG PATROL

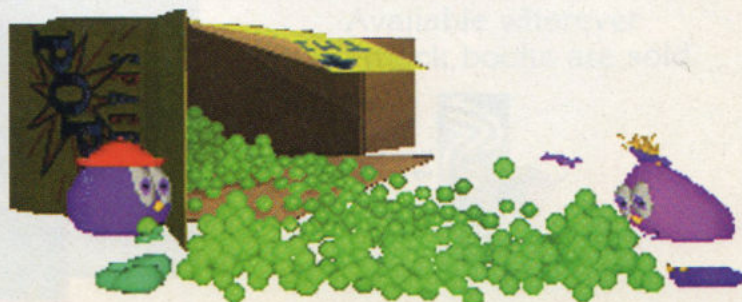
Playing as a professional crasher is a little different from playing just for fun. For instance, when hunting bugs, John must always write down exactly what he did to crash a game. If he doesn't, the programmers can't fix it. And while some problems are easy to find, others make for exciting discoveries.



**OTHER GAMES JOHN HAS TACKLED:** Ultimate Football and Space Kids.

"My friend Dave and I were testing the flight simulator game F-15 Strike Eagle III," John says. "The game was almost over, and we hadn't found any big problems. At one point, Dave turned his plane upside down and dove into the ocean. His plane should've crashed, but he went through the ocean, and the game turned inside out for him. I followed him down, and we flew around shooting everything from underneath the sea. None of the guns shot back because they weren't programmed to look for us under the water. That was a major bug, but it turned out to be easy to fix."

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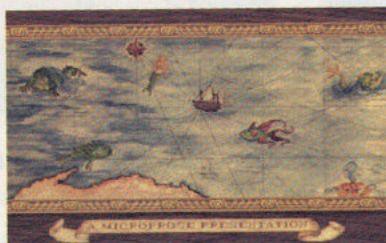


For John, playing video games is not just a job; it's his life. When it's lunchtime, John and HewDog head to the mall, grab a quick bite, and then hit the arcade. After work, John will have friends over to play some of the hundreds of games he has collected over the years. Sometimes he even dreams of video games.

"I'll dream I'm Pac-Man, and they're coming at me from all directions. Or I'm down to one city in Civilization, and the enemy is all around me," John says. "Then I wake up feeling really stressed."



**GOING DEEP...AND INTO DEEP SPACE:** Ultimate Football (left) and X-Com UFO Defense (above).



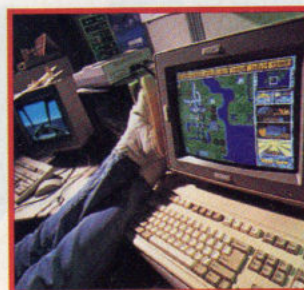
**THIS ONE'S FOR ALL THE LITTLE PIXELS OUT THERE:** Colonization and Master of Magic.

## NO CRASH DUMMIES

There are fewer than 1,000 paid testers working in the United States. Some small companies can't afford to pay their testers, so they just give them free pizza and soda. But John says, "Everyone who plays games can be considered a tester. If you find something wrong with a game, you should let the company know. You're helping them make better games."

But even a dream job has its problems. For John, the problem is trying to get his parents to understand what he does all day. John says, "When my parents ask me what I do, I tell them, 'I play games and when I find a problem, I write it down.' And they say, 'Yeah, but what's the work?'"

**BUGGING OUT:** John kicks back and hangs loose.



If you have bug problems, try a flea collar.

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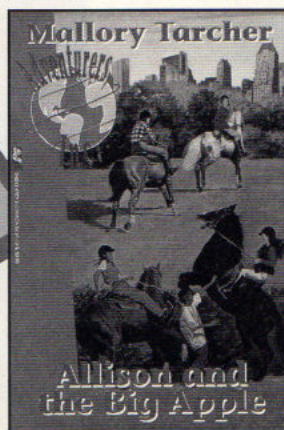


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## Out Back *with* Alex Mack



Watching a TV show is easy.

It's *making* a TV show that's difficult. The four new Nickelodeon programs that premiere this fall each took about two years to make.

The creators of *The Secret World of Alex Mack* took us behind the scenes for an exclusive look at what it takes to put together a new TV series.

The new super-powered kid in school, Alex Mack.

## The show you'll see

The hero of the show is Alex, a 13-year-old girl in the made-up town of Paradise Valley, California. On the first day of junior high, she gets into an accident with a truck that's carrying illegal chemicals. Once home, she discovers she has super powers that allow her to:

- transform herself into a liquid,
- send out shocking electric bolts from her hands,
- use telekinesis to move people and objects around.



The shocking truth: Once Alex has her new powers, life is never the same.

## The original idea

The show was first called *High Voltage*, and it was going to be about a boy who gets super powers after a nuclear accident. Nickelodeon executives loved the idea, except for one thing: They wanted the boy to be a girl.

## Writing the script

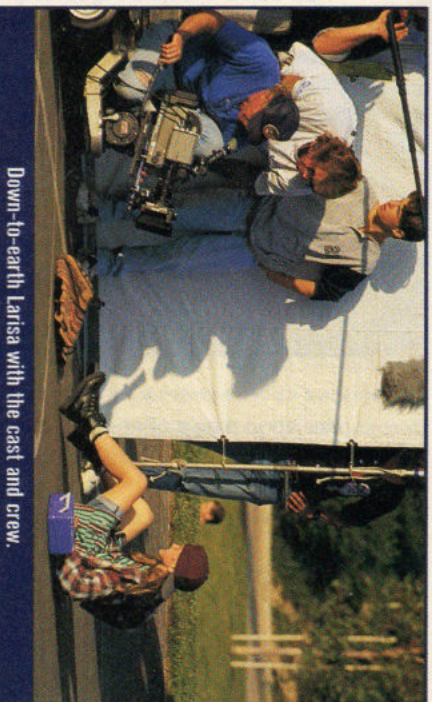
It took more than two months to develop the idea into a script. But before filming of the pilot (that's the first episode of a TV series) could begin, the show needed a cast.



Larisa goes over her lines with her acting coach.

## Auditions for Alex

The creators wanted to find a girl who was smart and hip to play Alex Mack. Nearly 100 actresses tried out before it was unanimously decided to hire Larisa Oleynik, a 13-year-old from California.



Down-to-earth Larisa with the cast and crew.

## Filming the pilot

Nickelodeon makes a pilot to try out an idea. If Nickelodeon likes the pilot, the show may become a series. The pilot for this show was filmed in Valencia, California. It took six days to film. When the pilot was finished, Nickelodeon loved it. But there was one big test remaining.

## Kid-Testing

Nickelodeon gave a sneak preview of the pilot to groups of kids. Because kids liked it, Nickelodeon decided to make *The Secret World of Alex Mack* into a series!

*The Secret World of Alex Mack* premieres October 8 at 8 pm.



Take Two: Larisa and Susan Lentini, who plays Alex's teacher.

## And now about those special effects.

### Telekinetic Powers

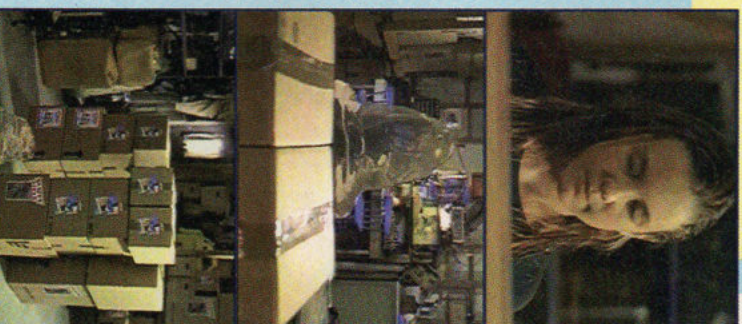
Most of Alex's telekinetic powers, which let her move people and objects simply by thinking about them, are created on the set during filming. Two or three people off-camera actually move the objects, using strings, pulleys, and tracks.

### Electric Bolts

The zaps Alex sends from her hands are painted right on the film.

### Liquidity

Scenes in which Alex turns into liquid are filmed twice. The first time the scene is filmed on the set, without Alex in it. The second time, Alex is filmed against a huge green screen, with a special camera. A special-effects artist uses a supercomputer (like the one used to create the effects in *Jurassic Park* and *T-2*) to put the images together. He adds other special effects, and the result is that Alex looks like she's becoming a liquid. It can take three weeks to create three seconds' worth of special effects!



Super-powered puddle: Alex learns how to turn herself from a solid to a liquid.

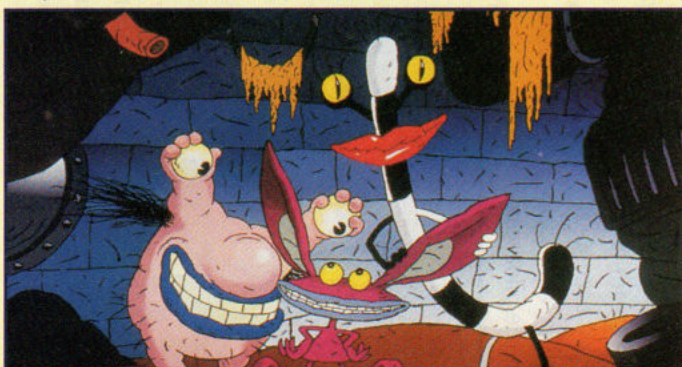


# New Nick Shows!

## AAAHH!!! Real Monsters™

### What it's about:

Three monsters who attend an elite monster academy, where they learn the latest scaring techniques. The monsters sneak into



Boo! (From left to right) Krumm, Ickis, and Oblina go a-monstering. The Gromble (above), the academy's scary headmaster.

houses through the toilet and practice their monstering on unsuspecting humans.

### Who the characters are:

**Ickis:** a small, shy, insecure monster who scares people by making himself enormous.

**Krumm:** a happy-go-lucky monster who's known for knocking people out with a whiff of his stinky armpits.

**Oblina:** the smartest of the three monsters, who can turn herself inside out.

### When you can watch it:

The sneak previews are **October 29** at 8 PM and **October 30** at 11 AM. It premieres **November 5** at 8:30 PM.

### Inside Scoop:

- Monsters use toenails as money. Old, cruddy toenails are the most valuable.
- Monsters give people nightmares by putting fingers in people's ears and touching their brains.
- Bad monsters have to listen to piano music or opera. Really bad monsters are forced to walk through a field of daisies.

## My Brother and Me

### What it's about:

Kids' lives in the 90s, as seen through the eyes of Dee Dee and Alfie Parker, two brothers in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### Who the characters are:

#### THE PARKER FAMILY:

**Dee Dee**, age 8

**Alfie**, age 11

**Melanie**, their sister, age 13

**Jennifer**, their mom, a driver's education teacher

**Roger**, their dad, a sports writer

**AND THEIR FRIENDS:** Donnell, Harry, "Goo," and Deonne

### When you can watch it:

The sneak preview is **October 15** at 8:30 PM. It premieres **October 16** at 6:30 PM.

### Inside Scoop:

- Arthur Reggie III, who plays Alfie, gets hiccups every day around 3 PM.
- Stephen Wernli, who plays Donnell, likes to stand on his head in the corner of the set, when nothing else is going on.



Brothers Dee Dee (left) and Alfie (right) at home.

## UtoU

### What it's about:

Anything you want. It's an interactive show that connects kids with kids, and kids with Nickelodeon. Everything on the show is created by kids; adults are only allowed to help out.

### Who the hosts are:

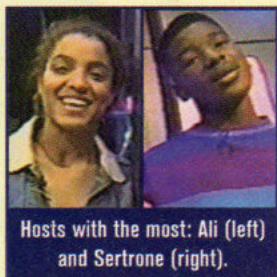
Ali Rivera and Sertrone Starkes. Ali is 19, and Sertrone is 16.

### When you can watch it:

Saturdays at 5 PM and Sundays at 1:30 PM, starting **November 5**.

### Inside Scoop:

- One kid sent *UtoU* a design for a rocket ship. The *UtoU* staff liked it so much, they sent it to the show *SeaQuest*. Now the kid's rocket ship will be seen on an upcoming episode of *SeaQuest*.



Hosts with the most: Ali (left) and Sertrone (right).

## The Big Help

### BIG HELP TELETHON

The Big Help Telethon starts **October 1**! It will be a weekend-long entertainment extravaganza, with new episodes of your favorite shows and surprise celebrity guests. Watch it and learn how you can help your community on **October 15**, The Big Help Day.

### BIG HELP DAY

On **October 15**, watch Nickelodeon all day for updates and special Big Help episodes of Nickelodeon shows.



# Whatever You Want

## Ode To Ick Contest Results

*Thanks for all your icky odes. After reading them, we decided to spend the summer indoors under a mosquito net. Each winner will receive a Nickelodeon home video, plus other Nick stuff.*

### Winners

Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, I spray you all day  
Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, please go away  
Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, I splat you on the floor  
Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, must you bite me more?  
Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, I've endless bites  
Mosquitoes, mosquitoes, you defy my civil rights.

Sean M., age 9  
Augusta, Georgia

In the ocean there are Jellyfish  
But there are no Peanut Butter fish  
To make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandfish.

Heather O., age 9 1/2  
Wayne, New Jersey

When I go to the beach,  
I chase catfish.



Sunburn is red,  
Water is blue,  
I hate to go camping,  
'Cause there's no place to poo.

Paul M., age 9  
Boothwyn, Pennsylvania

### Honorable Mentions

Poison ivy everywhere  
On my legs and in my hair  
Up my arms and down my back  
Calamine is what I lack.

Pamela T., age 9  
Cortlandt Manor, New York

I got a nasty sunburn  
It hurts my little booty  
If I had kept my trunks on  
I'd be in a better moody.

Chad K., age 7  
Redwood City, California

Jellyfish, Oh Jellyfish,  
Why do you bite?  
You look for your prey  
All day and night  
Why do you do this  
To he, she, and me?  
Why can't you let  
The people swim free?

Niki M., age 9  
Roswell, Georgia

Mosquitoes, mosquitoes  
everywhere.  
They're in your eyes and  
in your hair.  
Whenever you open your  
mouth to talk,  
In comes a mosquito and  
takes a walk,  
A mosquito is like a  
blood-sucking pest.  
It seems they never take a rest.

They ruin your vacation,  
won't leave you alone  
And always make you  
want to go home.  
Then you stop and think,  
they're only bugs  
They help the earth so let's give  
them hugs.  
I should stop this poem and I  
think I might,  
Because on my arm I'm getting a  
mosquito bite.  
SLAP!

Holly S., age 10  
Tonawanda, New York

As I lay stretched out  
On the searing sand  
My friends sat around me  
All with great tans.

I looked at my friends  
Left and right  
Then I looked at myself  
And got a great fright.

I had turned red  
From the sun's rays and heat  
My skin was all peeling  
And I looked like a beet.

Sara J., age 14  
Smithville, Missouri



# Name That Band

In "Name That Band" (February/March 1994), we asked you to come up with an original band name. Here are our favorite entries.

## Human Pudding

Lindsey D., age 10  
Cynthiana, Kentucky

## The Weed Wackers

Jennifer M., age 9  
Rising Sun, Maryland

## Coffee on a Stick

Andrew B.  
Dinwiddie, Virginia

## Cover Your Ears

Natalie L., age 10  
Los Angeles, California

# Letters

Dear Nick Mag,  
How come in the August/September issue on the Cafeteria Food Flight map you didn't put anything in Minnesota?

Molly O.  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Dear Molly,  
We will gladly report any sighting you can document. Next time you see a flying fish stick, please take a picture and send it in!



# Say What?

From our June/July 1994 issue

Here's what you thought this hungry family was thinking and saying.

DAUGHTER: I like the new identity the FBI gave me—I'm a blonde!!!

FATHER: I didn't witness anything. I just wanted a paid vacation.

MOTHER: Use plenty of mustard, honey. We want to look normal.

SON: You call dressing like this normal?

Julie A., age 12 1/2  
Avon Lake, Ohio

DAUGHTER: Dad, did you wash your hands before cooking?

FATHER: Yeah, last week!

MOTHER: Would you like butter on your ear?

SON: No way! Would you like a mustard moustache?

Shane G., age 8  
Rochester, Minnesota

DAUGHTER: Where did the tablecloth go?

FATHER: I hope no one realized that my shirt is really the tablecloth.

MOTHER: Now you won't have to hold my hand. We're attached at the arm.

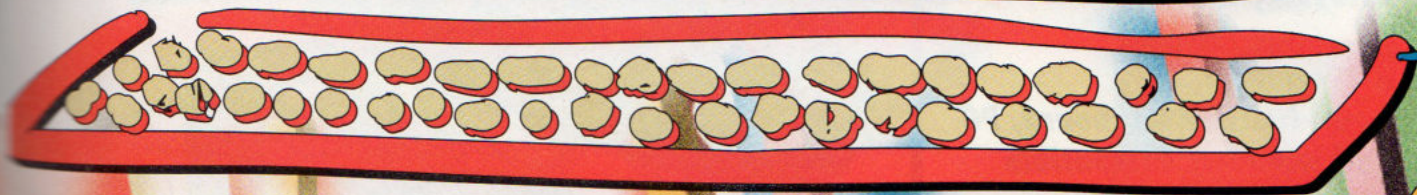
SON: I wonder when this Krazy Glue wears off.

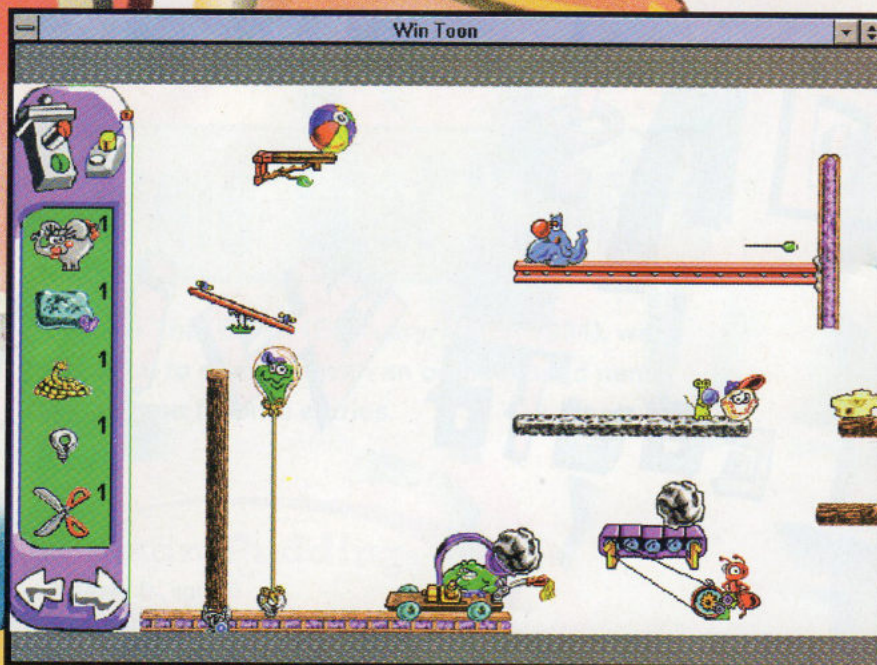
Lauren S., age 12  
Springfield, Virginia

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☐ **Monitor**

☐ **Robot's head**



2. this is a (check one):

☐ **Cat**

☐ **Turnip**

☐ **Mouse**

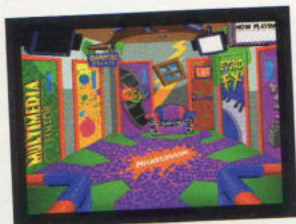


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# Club Kidsoft. who's in it?



## Zoe

**Favorite Book:**  
The Secret Garden

**Favorite Activity:**  
Listening to the radio a lot.  
I like music.

**Favorite Software:**  
Print Shop Deluxe

**Favorite Computer Activity:**  
Making cards for my friends.  
I make birthday invitations  
and christmas cards.

**Favorite Movie:**  
Mrs. Doubtfire

**Future Plans:**  
To become a leading  
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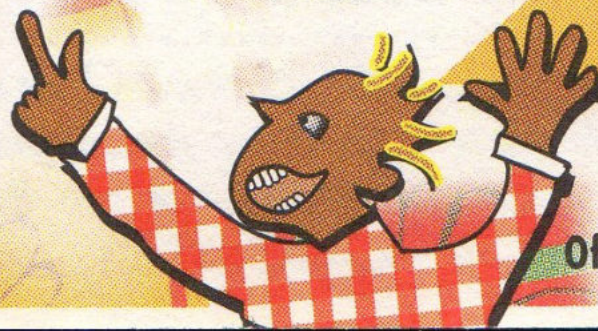
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# Alex

**Favorite Computer Activity:**

Writing computer programs. I designed an alarm system for my computer. It has an access code which I probably shouldn't tell you 'cause it's very top secret.

**Favorite Book:**

Goosebumps,  
Go Eat Worms

**Favorite Software:**

The Even More  
Incredible Machine

**Favorite Activity:**

Hanging out with my friends.

**Future Plans:**

To become a computer programmer.

**Favorite thing about Club KidSoft is:**

I like using the Club KidSoft CD to demo the latest software. I just bought the newest Oregon Trail after trying it on the KidSoft CD.



# Nick

**Favorite Computer Activity:**  
Drawing peace signs and flower-power signs on my computer.

**Favorite Activity:**  
Playing football with a team called the Dolphins. I also like surfing.

**Favorite Book:**  
The Sign of the Beaver

**Favorite Software:**  
Flying Colors

**Future Plans:**  
To become a Movie Critic.

**Favorite part about Club KidSoft is:**  
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Five words are hidden in the five clues below.  
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Then, write the words you've discovered on  
the grid below. Be sure and match the word  
with its number.

1. K G R A L M P E
2. X C H O G M K P S U L T V E R
3. M E D X V I Q T
4. D C F D J R W O B M



Q. this is a (check one):

☐ Hard hat

☐ Maraschino cherry

☐ Hard drive

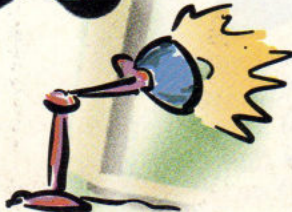
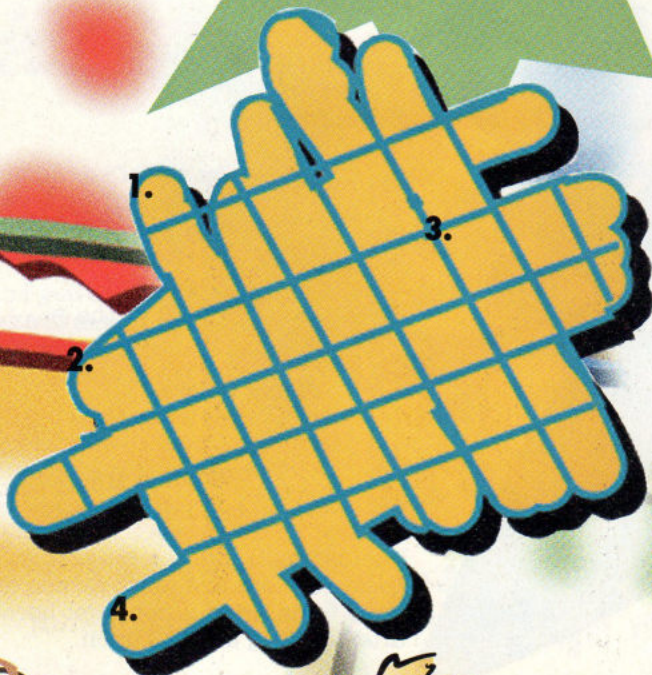


Q. this is a (check one):

☐ Keyboard

☐ Corn dog

☐ Very big telephone



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# Dear Alien

I'm QZ  
and I'm from the planet  
Zlittz. I know everything under,  
over, and inside the sun. So ask me  
a question, and I'll give you a real  
down-to-Earth answer.



## Dear QZ:

When is Nick going to take over Anniston Avenue Elementary School?

Martha Ann J.  
Gulfport, Mississippi

## Martha Ann:

Actually we took it over 10 years ago and nobody ever found out. Now you know why your teachers are so weird.

## Dear QZ:

How did the sun get so much gas?

Tessa S.  
Ford City, Pennsylvania

## Tessa:

Because asteroids and comets are really gigantic baked beans.

## Dear QZ:

Do you like to read books a lot?

Jenna B.  
Bellflower, California

## Jenna:

On my planet we literally devour books. We read them, then eat them raw. Why, just yesterday, I knocked off an entire encyclopedia. This is why I know everything. It's also why I wear a size 650 pant.

I don't eat books —  
I eat homework.



## Dear QZ:

I'm going to New Jersey. I'm scared of green flies. I don't even know what green flies are! What are they?

Nya-Qien

New Rochelle, New York

## Nya-Qien:

Who knows? Look at my picture. Do I seem like someone who would be bothered by green flies?

## Dear QZ:

How can I get my mom to buy me a mouse or a gerbil?

Sheena B.  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

## Sheena:

Leave some cheese around the house. If she doesn't get the hint, you just might wind up with mice anyway.

## Dear QZ:

There's a new girl in school and I want to be her friend, but I'm too shy. What should I do?

Kelsey M.  
Tualatin, Oregon

## Kelsey:

I pity you Earthlings, with your meager powers. On my planet, I'd write her name in the sky in flaming roses and ultra-violets. As for you, Kelsey, just let her know that you cared enough to send this letter.

## Dear QZ:

Why do we have boogers in our nose?

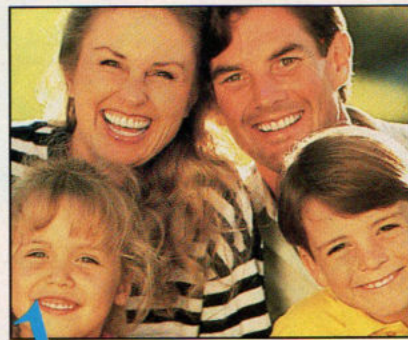
Ericka P.  
Bayfield, Wisconsin

## Ericka:

Because they fit. What do you want up there? A car?!

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BUBBLE GUM



It's **six** feet of gum  
jaw crankin' for you **NOT** them!

# answers

## On Your Sitzmark, Get Set, Go! (Page 8)

1. A 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. A 6. B 7. B 8. B 9. C  
10. B 11. C 12. A

If you answered nine or more questions correctly,  
you win the **Gold Medal**.

If you answered five to eight questions correctly,  
you win the **Silver Medal**.

If you answered one to four questions correctly,  
you win the **Bronze Medal**.

If you answered zero questions correctly, you win a  
ball of aluminum foil.

## Game, Set, Match (Page 15)

A. 15 B. 9 C. 13 D. 14 E. 11 F. 10 G. 12 H. 3  
I. 5 J. 8 K. 4 L. 7 M. 6 N. 2 O. 1

## Spare Time Quiz (Page 25)

1. F 2. T—*Scott Owsly of Fontana, California, bowled a 300 game in 1994.* 3. T—*Turkey bowling has been played after hours on supermarket aisles by store employees.* 4. F 5. F 6. T—*Bowling implements were found in the tomb of an Egyptian child buried in 5200 B.C.* 7. F 8. F 9. T—*With 106 lanes, the Showboat Lanes in Las Vegas, Nevada is the largest bowling center in the United States.* 10. T 11. F 12. T 13. F 14. T 15. T 16. T 17. T 18. F 19. T 20. F

## Tales from the Boiler Room (Page 50)

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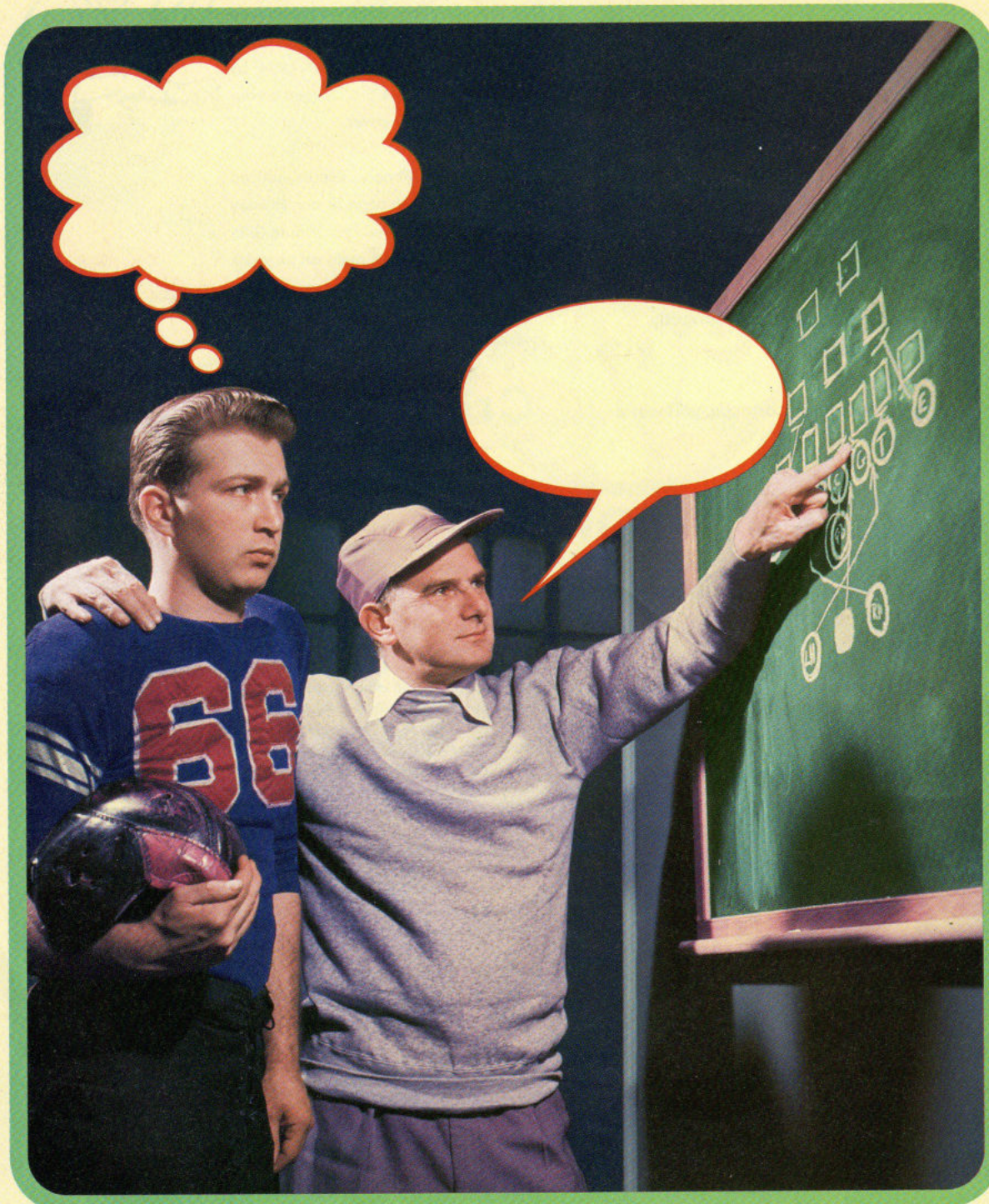
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